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Big change in Michigan courtrooms

Cell phones can no longer be banned; some like it, some hate it

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — While a witness was testifying in Berrien County Trial Court Chief Judge Mabel Mayfield's courtroom recently, his cell phone started to ring.

"He immediately shut it off. I didn't take it away from him, and he continued his testimony. We need to get accustomed to reminding everyone of the rules, and I had failed to do that," Mayfield said. "Phones must be silent in the courtroom."

She and other judges, lawyers and court security officers are adjusting to a new law that allows the public to bring cell phones, laptops and tablets into all courthouses in Michigan.

Among their concerns are distractions in the courtroom and an added level of security for court officers.

The Michigan Supreme Court adopted the controversial rule change in January, and it took effect May 1.

Prior to that, rules regarding personal electronic devices were left to the discretion of individual courts in Michigan.

The new rule also allows members of the public to use their phones to photograph state court records. Many court clerks who opposed the rule change said it could reduce revenues currently generated by copying fees.

The Michigan Supreme Court order was approved by six of the seven members of the Michigan Supreme Court, with Justice Stephan Markman dissenting.

Under the new rule, members of the public are allowed to use electronic devices in a courtroom or courthouse to access the internet and exchange email and texts.

Berrien County Trial Court officials see potential problems with that.

"This is an extra level of security for our bailiffs," Mayfield said. "Yes, we have concerns about sequestered witnesses texting each other. Our court did not support this and we sent a letter of opposition to the Supreme Court."

She said Berrien County courts have always accommodated people, providing them with the same access to evidence and records that lawyers have.

"I don't believe (access)

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Courtroom

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A sign outside a courtroom at the Berrien County Courthouse lays out the restrictions for cell phone use inside courtrooms.

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Gary Blough checks on a batch of blueberries at his Coloma farm on Wednesday. Blough recently donated much of his surplus crop to Feeding America, rather than let the berries rot on the bush.

A bittersweet harvest

Coloma farmer donates blueberry surplus to Feeding America

Blough picks blueberries at his Coloma farm on Wednesday.

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Gary Blough's blueberry crop was bittersweet this year.

With 15 acres dedicated to blueberries, the Coloma Township farmer hasn't been able to sell the normal amount of the crop this year.

Due to the bumper crop, the farmers market is no longer accepting blueberries. The bulk price is so low it doesn't even make sense to shake the berries, Blough said.

But instead of letting the berries rot, Blough paid pickers to collect the berries, before taking them to Feeding America to be distributed to residents who want them.

"This business right now is lousy. The price that the farmers are getting is barely enough to survive. And yet there are a lot of blueberries this year," he said. "This is just something I decided to do with no market. I'm not unhappy with the way it turned out. I'm proud I was able to contribute to what they're trying to do."

The idea to do so stemmed with a prior experience with the organization.

A few years ago Blough donated two tons of organic potatoes to Feeding America.

His daughter, Bridgett Blough, is the operator of the Organic Gypsy food truck in the Kalamazoo and Portage area. Her effort inspired him to grow organic potatoes. With how much it

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School officials plead for more resources as restart looms

Fund uncertainty causing anxiety

By JENNIFER CHAMBERS
The Detroit News

LANSING — With the first day of school just weeks away in Michigan, superintendents say they are being forced to move into a new year with no funding certainty from Lansing and are abandoning plans to start classes in-person.

State officials estimate Michigan is facing a $3 billion shortfall in its upcoming budget, which takes effect Oct. 1. A consensus revenue estimating conference is Aug. 24, when state officials will detail the current shortfall.

Schools are facing more than $1 billion in new costs to plan for reopening this year to provide personal protective equipment, implement safety measures and ensure, to the best extent possible, the health and safety of both students and staff, said Robert McCann, executive director of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education.

"Lansing has 'borrowed' billions of dollars from our K-12 school budgets over the past decade because lawmakers have chosen not to prioritize the education of our kids," McCann said Friday during a "State of Michigan Schools" roundtable with Michigan superintendents.

"Now, more than ever, that simply has to change," McCann said. "Lawmakers still have an opportunity to pass a clean K-12 spending bill immediately that utilizes General Fund dollars to make up the deficit in the School Aid Fund and ensure schools receive the resources and funding certainty they critically need as they attempt to finalize reopening plans. We're out of time for excuses. Our students need action."

On July 28, State Budget Director Chris Kolb said cuts to education and public safety in Michigan will be "unavoidable" unless federal lawmakers step up with more financial aid.

Kolb and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer have called on President Donald Trump, the GOP-controlled U.S. Senate and the Democratic-controlled U.S. House to negotiate a new relief plan that provides more federal cash to states as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to slash government revenues.

Superintendents across the state are announcing plans to reopen schools for the new 2020-21 school year – a combination of online and face-to-face learning – and say they need financial certainty to move forward.

"As we plan for the 2020-21 school year, superintendents across the state are working diligently to provide our students with the best possible learning options for the fall, given the uncertainties of the current environment," Rochester Schools Superintendent Robert Shaner said.

"No matter how good those plans are, school districts are facing an uphill battle, not just because of the uncertain nature of this virus, but because of the funding shortfalls that make it difficult to meet the challenges associated with returning our

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Gary Blough checks on acres of blueberries at his Coloma farm.

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cost and how long it took to get 2 acres of potatoes certified organic, Blough said he decided to get rid of his crop and be done with it.

As for the berries, Blough has hauled about 300 pounds of berries several times to Feeding America.

"I just did not want to see them laying on the ground," he said. "It gives the pickers a job, who have been doing this every day for me. It was good for them and good for whoever could get a chance to eat them."

Blough, 78, said once the berries were delivered to Feeding America, workers placed them in coolers and distributed them throughout the area.

"I think it's hard for them to get something like blueberries. One of the problems we have is the retail price and how ridiculous it is," he said. "I think we would sell more blueberries if we had a lower price point instead of charging $4 for a little tin."

One of the hardest aspects to the whole enterprise was finding pickers.

"Not a lot of farmers have been able to get the amount of pickers, like in previous years," Blough said. "One of the pickers said I was paying more than anyone else, which was 75 cents a pound. I don't have a harvesting machine, but we're in the middle of blueberry country."

For a 10-day stretch, Blough was taking blueberries down everyday. His last drop-off was made earlier this week.

Since he began to pick in late June, Blough has donated about 2,000 pounds of blueberries.

He said selling them has always been somewhat of a hassle. But this year was the worst, as there were stretches of three to five days in a row when wholesale buyers would turn him down and say to try again the next day.

Blough has been growing blueberries for 15 years and said he's never seen worse prices for blueberries, when inflation is factored in.

He said he would likely do the same thing next year, if he had to.

"I had some money to have it picked. It was something I grew and was alive. It's a lot harder than giving somebody money," Blough said. "With Feeding America, I know it will go to a good place. I'd rather do this than watch them fall on the ground and watch the birds eat them."

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LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JC-2C-2S-3S-5S
Midday Daily 3
8-0-8
Midday Daily 4
2-7-9-5
Daily 3
0-3-2
Daily 4
1-6-4-8
Fantasy 5
13-15-17-23-31
Keno
02-11-13-21-25-26-31-32-34-37-40-41-44-46-53-56-57-65-68-69-74-76
Mega Millions jackpot
$22 million
Powerball jackpot
$158 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
16-24-25-33-40
Estimated jackpot
$110,000
Cash4Life
01-19-31-35-55, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
02-05-07-16-21-33-34-37-46-51-63-65-66-68-71-72-74-75-76-77, BE: 7
Daily Three-Midday
4-6-5, SB: 9
Daily Three-Evening
5-1-9, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
1-5-8-9, SB: 9
Daily Four-Evening
8-6-7-3, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
08-11-13-17-21-27-28-30-37-39-46-49-54-56-63-65-66-75-77-78, BE: 13

Illinois

Lotto
07-11-14-37-39-46, Extra Shot: 16
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
09-19-24-28-34
Estimated jackpot
$350,000
Pick Three-Midday
9-9-7, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
6-9-8, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
4-9-3-1, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Evening
0-7-9-7, Fireball: 2
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was limited," she said. "My greatest concern now is the protection of the efficacy of the process. Sequestration may be compromised."

Mayfield said much thought went into Berrien County Trial Court's opposition to the new law.

"We weighed the pros and cons, and balanced people's rights versus something that puts a victim at risk. This (the court's objections to the new law) was not on a whim."

She noted that she is not aware of any issues so far, but court proceedings have been limited during the coronavirus pandemic, and are just now picking up steam.

Trial Court Security Director Rick Lull said there are rules posted outside every courtroom listing what is and is not allowed, regarding electronic devices, and anyone whose device causes a distraction can be removed from the courtroom.

"We are aware of possible security concerns. This is going to potentially create more of a security distraction of our court officers," Lull said. "But some courts that have already been doing this say it hasn't been an issue. We are expecting the worst but hoping for the best."

Berrien County Trial Court has posted the following rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the courthouse:

■ No audio/video recording, photography, broadcasting or live-streaming is allowed at any time in the courtroom.

■ All electronic devices must be silenced before entering a courtroom.

■ No phone calls are allowed to be made or taken in the courtroom.

■ A judge and/or his or her designee will terminate use of any electronic device that is disruptive or distracting to court activity.

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Cell phones are now allowed inside the Berrien County Courthouse, with specific restrictions.

■ Photography or video recording of any individual (even in the background of an image) in the courthouse shall not occur without that person's prior express consent.

■ No photography or video recording of a juror or potential juror is allowed.

■ Violations are punishable by sanctions up to and including contempt of court.

When the new rule was adopted, Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack said it will make using the courts easier for witnesses, jurors and people who don't have lawyers, and gives everyone the same access to courts that lawyers have, which she believes is fair.

Paul Jancha Jr., chief public defender for Berrien County, said allowing the public to bring cell phones into the courthouse is "a good thing."

Jancha said that before he became Berrien County's chief public defender, he sometimes represented clients in Cass County, where cell phones had long been allowed, and he never saw any problems.

"Sometimes a client needs to show you a photo or text messages," Jancha said. "And if someone walks to the courthouse or is dropped off, and they can't bring their phone in, they have to hide it in the bushes."

Jancha acknowledged that the new law might make it tough for court staff to ensure that people are not taking pictures of jurors or witnesses, or that sequestered witnesses are not texting one another regarding their testimony.

"It's certainly a new challenge," he said.

The new rule came after a process of public comment that drew almost 50 written comments.

Supporters of the new law noted that cell phone access is essential to litigants who represent themselves. They point out that people, including witnesses, litigants and jurors, who do not have a car, have no place near the courthouse to store a phone and therefore are unable to receive messages from their lawyers, family members or employers. This often has negative consequences for them. Some supporters point out that the prohibition of cell phones is especially burdensome for low income people.

Judges who opposed the new rule said it raises privacy and security concerns, including the potential for witness and victim intimidation. And they argued that it is not feasible for judges and court personnel to effectively monitor the correct use of electronic devices.

Many court clerks opposed the rule change that permits using a cell phone to photograph court records because it could reduce revenues currently generated by copying fees.

McCormack said the new rule is largely based on national models already adopted in other states. She said states that have allowed the public to use electronic devices in courts have managed just fine.

Lull said one good thing about people being able to bring cell phones to court is that it will be easier for court staff to communicate with people involved in a case who might be waiting outside.

Court Administrator Carrie Smietanka-Haney agreed, saying, "We can communicate with people about the time of their proceedings." She said that's especially helpful now, with limits on the number of people allowed into courtrooms at once due to COVID-19 concerns.

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students and staff to school safely," Shaner said.

Whitmer's staff was not immediately available for comment. Officials with Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, and House Speaker Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, also were not immediately available for comment.

Superintendents said they also still need policy changes on rules for seat time and student counts, which determine per-pupil funding for districts when students are in schools, not at home learning virtually.

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Upcoming move prompts best friend to reveal true feelings

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been in love with my best friend for two years. We met at a summer camp where we were both working, and we hated each other in the beginning. During the process of working together, we somehow became best friends, and I fell desperately in love with him.

We talk on the phone for hours and text each other daily. He knows everything about me to the point that I swear he knows me better than I know myself. We hang out in groups mostly. We rarely spend time alone. When we are together, our chemistry is undeniable. We constantly laugh, touch, tease, etc. Everyone around us sees our connection, and they're confused when we say we're not dating.

I kind of expressed my feelings to him about a year ago, but he said he wasn't ready to date anyone. Since then, we have grown closer, and our relationship is more unclear. His actions lead me to believe that he feels the way I do and regards me as more than a friend, but he won't make a move or tell me his feelings.

The hard part about this is, I'm moving in five months. Our time together is coming to an end, but I haven't told him how I feel because I don't want his affection or our frequent communication to stop. Do I tell him my feelings again and risk being rejected? Or should I just tell him I am moving and see if he admits his true feelings for me? – Deep In The Heartbreak Of Texas

DEAR DEEP: Obviously, this person cares for you to some degree. Tell him how you feel face-to-face while you still can. That you care so much for him is a compliment. However, if he still doesn't feel as strongly for you as you hope, once you move, I hope you will regard it as an opportunity to meet new people and form new relationships until you find a special someone who reciprocates your feelings. Trust me, he IS out there.

DEAR ABBY: I have read so many letters in your column about families who have all sorts of problems with their children, husband or wife, in-laws, parents and other family members. They make me wonder how in the world I got so lucky.

My husband and I raised four children – two girls, two boys – and they could not be more of a blessing. We text each other every morning, and I text a daughter in Hawaii at night to let her know I'm OK. They call, they send cards, they send flowers. One son sent them to me for several years on HIS birthday, with a card saying, "Thank you for having me."

My heart aches for parents who don't have what I have. I can only hope they will find some peace later. And to my four children: Thank you for the happiness you have brought me over the years. – Georgia Mom

DEAR GEORGIA MOM: Problems are the basis of my column. There are many functional, happy families, but few of them take the time to write and share that.

Clearly, you are a great parent, and for that you deserve congratulations. However, there is an element of luck in parenting, and I have heard from parents who devoted themselves to giving all they could to their children, and their children did not turn out to be as loving, generous and appreciative as yours. I agree that your family is fortunate to recognize their blessings, chief among them each other.

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Why do people complain about their spouses yet stay married?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I can't understand why I'm surrounded by people, mainly guys, who do nothing but complain about their awful marriages. Their terrible, nagging, controlling wives. No one is forcing these guys to stay married. Divorce is not that hard to do. Source: I was married, no longer am. I've finally started telling guys who are constantly joking about the hardships that if it's that bad, just go. Get out. They're not taking it well at all. Like I broke some kind of rule I don't know.

What's going on with these people? It's not playacting on their part. They really sound miserable. So why do they stay? I just don't get it. – Why Do People Do This?

Why Do People Do This?: Instead of telling, try asking: "If it's so bad, then why do you stay? I'm genuinely curious."

READERS' SUGGESTIONS: – Maybe next time ask them if they are related to Fred Flintstone. Ask them if they are in the Stone Age were that old trope about "the ball and chain" still applies? Just ask them if they are genuinely miserable, or if they think this is what is expected of their gender, to complain about marriage. Because that would just be sad. Be genuine and say it's getting old, but if it's genuine, then find solutions to your problems, because it's no fun to be the listener. – Next time one of the guys starts complaining, bluntly say, "Tell me one thing you love about your wife." If they stammer or give you a blank stare, explain that all you hear are the negatives and you want to know something positive about them. Repeat as necessary, and I'm guessing the complaints will slow down. – It's not just men – women do this too, gripe about their spouses with no apparent goal of changing things. My working hypothesis is that it's a form of social bonding, though: there's an assumption that the Awful Spouse is a shared hardship, which other men/women will understand and sympathize with. And then participating becomes a social ritual – to prove you belong to the group, to prove you understand the shared experience, blah blah blah. It's a more insidious, more socially harmful variation of everyone griping about the weather, traffic or the awful coffee in the cafeteria.

At least that's my guess. Me, I have a rule to only ever gripe about my wife when she's there to return fire. – Because people don't want to feel responsible for their own lives and their own happiness, because that means they're responsible for their unhappiness, too. It feels much better to blame it on external factors – which includes other people – and if they do it long enough they start to believe it.

I'm taking the rest of the day off.

DEAR CAROLYN: This lunatic single woman is out there having a bunch of conversations with married men where she suggests they divorce their wives? People just want to (asterisk)(asterisk)(asterisk)(asterisk)(asterisk)(asterisk) about their spouses sometimes. – Happy to Represent the Other Side

HAPPY TO REPRESENT THE OTHER SIDE: The writer could be a lunatic single male. But, OK! Thanks, everybody.

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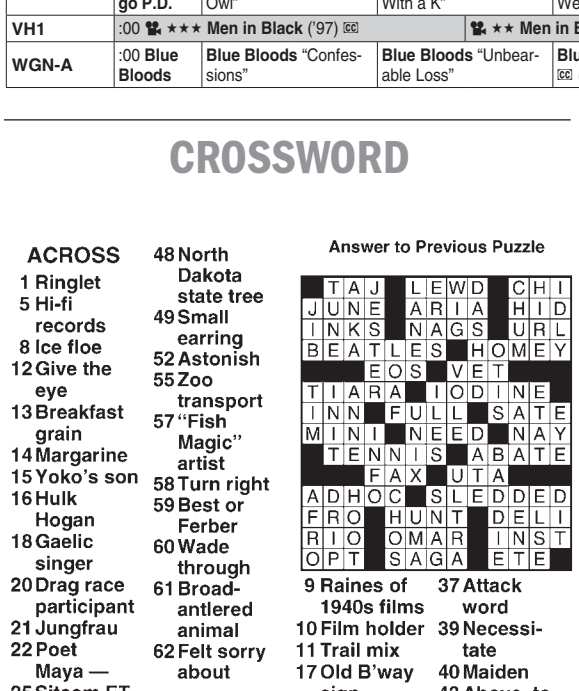

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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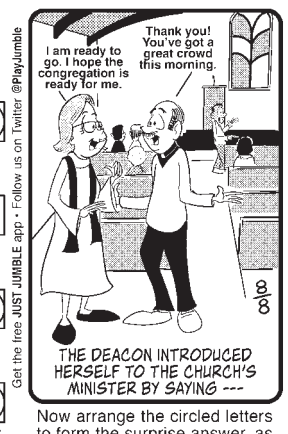
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Thank you! You've got a great crowd this morning.
THE DEACON INTRODUCED HERSELF TO THE CHURCH'S MINISTER BY SAYING ---
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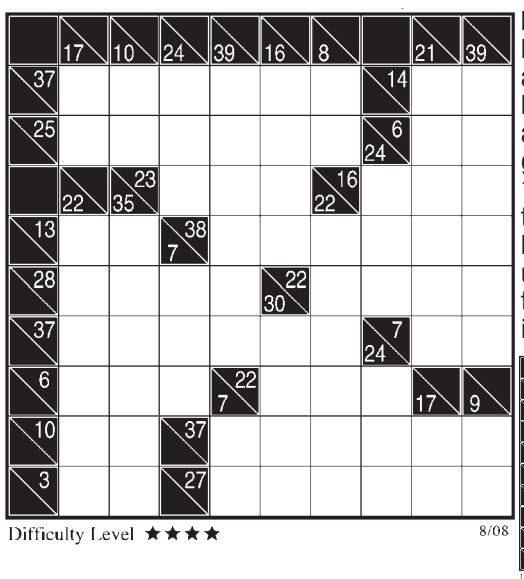
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

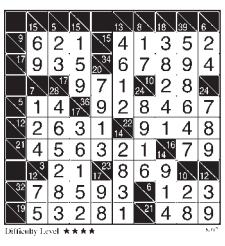
Yesterday's Jumbles: PLAID USHER MEDLEY AGENCY
Answer: The advertising executive was anxious to get out of bed so she could get — UP AND "AD" 'EM

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/08

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Calvin Coolidge said, "If you see 10 troubles coming down the road, you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you."

If you need 10 tricks to make your contract but can see only nine, do not jump into a ditch. Try to find a 10th winner from somewhere.

In today's deal, South is in four hearts. West leads the diamond king. Declarer takes that trick and cashes his two top hearts, but West discards a diamond on the second round. How should South continue?

North's four-heart rebid was questionable. With such a balanced hand, he should have settled for three no-trump (though that contract probably would have gone down).

South seems destined to lose two hearts and two diamonds. But how many winners does he have?

He has two spades, two hearts, one diamond and (given the good split) three clubs off the top.

The right line now is to cash the spade ace-king, ruff a spade in hand and play the three club tricks ending in the dummy. (If East ruffs in, the contract was unmakable.) Now declarer has taken nine tricks: two spades, two hearts, one diamond, three clubs and one spade ruff. He retains two trumps and two diamonds; East has two high trumps, a diamond and a club. But when dummy's last spade is led, what can East do?

If he discards, South ruffs for his 10th trick. If East ruffs, declarer pitches a diamond loser and must collect another trump winner. Effectively, East has to ruff one of his partner's diamond tricks. South generates an extra trump trick with a coup en passant.

North 08-08-20
♠ A K 7 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A Q 2

West
♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ 2
♦ K Q J 10 3
♣ 8 6 3

East
♠ J 6 3
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ 6 5
♣ J 10 7 4

South
♠ 9 2
♥ A K 7 4 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ K 9 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Trump lies and people die – some 1,000 a day

In 2016, the libertarian magazine Reason polled a few dozen staff, contributors and allies on who would get their votes for president. Almost all planned to cast a ballot for Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson. I was alone in stating a firm intention to vote for Hillary Clinton, for three simple reasons: "She's sane, informed and competent."

Steve Chapman

There is nothing like a deadly pandemic to remind us that these qualities are not dispensable in a president. They are literally a matter of life and death.

In a normal presidential election, uttering such faint praise as I offered Clinton would be the equivalent of calling, "Nice swing!" to a Little Leaguer who has just struck out. But in 2016, the Democratic nominee had a monopoly on the critical virtues, and the Republican had none of them.

Sane? Clinical psychologist George Simon said then that Donald Trump was such a textbook case of narcissism "that I'm archiving video clips of him to use in workshops." Without Trump, he said: "I would have had to hire actors and write vignettes. He's like a dream come true."

Informed? Trump imagined he could make Mexico pay for a border wall. Every time he addressed an issue, he made his ignorance obvious.

Competent? He had gone through multiple bankruptcies, while engineering such fiascoes as Trump Shuttle, Trump Vodka and Trump Steaks.

His televised interview this week with Axios reporter Jonathan Swan was an epic debacle, revealing Trump as an ignorant bumbler who has learned absolutely nothing about doing the job he was elected to do – and still may not realize that he has anything to learn.

He bragged about how he well his administration has handled the pandemic, oblivious to the human and economic devastation it has caused. He shuffled papers and cited numbers that failed to prove what he insisted – and may actually believe – they prove.

Most appalling was Trump's insistence that the pandemic is "under control." Reminded that a thousand Americans have been dying every day, the president had a blithe answer: "They are dying. That's true. It is what it is. But that doesn't mean we aren't doing everything we can. It's under control as much as you can control it."

"*It is what it is*"? Imagine George W. Bush saying that about 9/11, or Franklin Roosevelt about Pearl Harbor. Nearly 5 million Americans have contracted COVID-19, and almost 160,000 Americans have died. Trump's own former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, Scott Gottlieb, says the dead could total 300,000 by the end of the year. It's a national catastrophe, and the worst may be yet to come.

Remember that in February, Trump asserted that the virus was "very much under control." By April, he was predicting that the number of deaths would be no more than 60,000. That was a gross underestimate, but he still insists he has controlled the pandemic as well as possible.

But he hasn't. We know that because other countries have done a far better job of preventing transmission and saving lives. South Korea, with 51 million people, has had fewer than 15,000 cases and 301 fatalities. The U.S. has twice as many people as Japan – but 150 times more deaths.

At the outset, Trump proclaimed himself a "wartime president." He said, "We must sacrifice together, because we are all in this together." But he had no appetite for requesting sacrifice or making it. He sided with protesters who rejected the minimal inconvenience of wearing masks in public and, until July, refused to be seen wearing one himself.

His baseless optimism, disdain for scientists' advice and unwillingness to take responsibility have had devastating consequences. If the coronavirus were a military enemy, it would be occupying the capital, torching the White House and dictating the terms of our surrender.

Things would have gone much better had Trump just done a few simple things: listen to the early warnings from his advisers, focus on defeating the virus rather than supporting the stock market, mobilize every available asset, refuse to declare victory prematurely and urge his followers to don masks as a patriotic duty.

Instead, he remains a clueless captive of his own wishful thinking. "This thing's going away," he said Wednesday, on the basis of nothing. "It will go away like things go away."

This election already stands out for the bumper sticker it has generated: "Any functioning adult 2020." What a change that would be.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

ANOTHER OPINION

Give Elon Musk credit: They did it

Elon Musk was entitled to be elated when he welcomed two NASA astronauts back to Earth on Sunday. His company, SpaceX, had blasted them into space and then brought them safely home 63 days later. The entire mission was a marvel of engineering and a milestone for American enterprise. In its current mood of exhaustion and discord, the country might need reminding that, for all its shortcomings, it's still capable of stirring achievements.

SpaceX deserves plenty of credit for this one. Taking off in May from the same launchpad that served the Apollo missions, the company's Falcon 9 rocket flawlessly conveyed a reusable Crew Dragon capsule into orbit, where it eventually docked with the International Space Station. The astronauts on board, Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley, traveled in style, with modish new flight suits, slick touchscreen controls and more than 1.7 million pounds of thrust propelling them through the atmosphere.

It sent a clear message: After nine years of ignominiously hitching rides aboard Russian rockets, the U.S. space program was back in business. The launch – a first for any private company – also inaugurated a new era of public-private cooperation, with SpaceX and its competitors aiming to carry astronauts to the moon and perhaps beyond in the years ahead. This blend of public-spiritedness and private competitiveness holds immense promise, and suggests that the best days of the U.S. space program may yet lie ahead.

"NASA has a long history of doing stunning things in the middle of very difficult times," Jim Bridenstine, the agency's administrator, told Bloomberg Television shortly before takeoff. He was hardly exaggerating. The moon landing in 1969 unified a country that only the year before had been rocked by riots, assassinations and a staggering death toll in Vietnam. When Alan Shepard became the first American to visit space in 1961, he also became a national hero at a harrowing moment of the Cold War – a moment evoked in May by mission control, when they quoted Shephard in a message to the astronauts just before takeoff: "Let's light this candle."

These too are difficult times. Coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and reckoning with America's legacy of racial injustice haven't left much energy for saluting a remarkable instance of progress. This was nonetheless such a moment. It exemplified the best of American ambition and ingenuity, and holds out the promise of better days to come.

– Bloomberg Opinion

IF PEOPLE WANNA GET PAID FOR NOT WORKING THEY SHOULD RUN FOR OFFICE!
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Why isn't Trump trying to prevent 'disaster'?

President Donald Trump's delay-the-election trial balloon on Twitter last week was resoundingly denounced, and rightly so.

Indeed, so thorough was the repudiation, including from top Republicans, that the president backtracked a little. "I don't want to delay," Trump explained in a press conference to discuss the pandemic. "I want to have the election. But I also don't want to have to wait for three months and then find out that the ballots are all missing, and the election doesn't mean anything. That's what's going to happen."

Jonah Goldberg

Although delaying the election is an abhorrent idea, contrary to what this country stands for, Trump does have a point about mail-in-voting. It could well be a disaster. What's astounding (though not actually surprising) is that the president doesn't want to do anything about it.

First, let me explain why Trump has a point. Although his claims of massive and systemic fraud are ill-founded and irresponsible, his point about the vote counting has merit.

New York City's June 23 primary was – or rather, still is – something of a train wreck. About 10 times the normal number of voters cast their ballots by mail. The system was overwhelmed. As of this writing, there's still an undecided congressional race 42 days after the voting was supposed to end.

I'm generally opposed to widespread voting by mail because I think Election Day is an important civic ritual, and early voting, particularly in primaries, can end up thwarting popular will. That opposition melts away during a pandemic, of course, but the fact is that mail-in balloting has never been tried on the scale that might be required come November.

The five states that are already vote by mail only – Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and Utah – should be fine. But in other states it might be a hot mess. Not only could ballot-counting efforts be overwhelmed, but the post office could be as well, causing ballots to be lost or excessively delayed.

Many argue that Trump is making a tactical mistake in attacking mail-in balloting. Republicans have spent years building up their vote-by-mail operations, leaving Democrats far behind. Launching a campaign to discredit a system well suited to harvest votes from the disproportionately older and rural voters making up Trump's base seems like madness.

On the other hand, as my colleague Sarah Isgur at the Dispatch notes, a hot mess could actually be in Trump's interest. Absentee ballots are rejected – purely for technical reasons, such as failing to fill out a line on the form – at a higher rate than those cast in person. And if Democrats trust mail-in balloting and Republicans don't, more Democrats are likely to vote by mail – and have more of their ballots rejected as a result. In Wisconsin's April primary, some 23,000 absentee ballots were thrown out. In 2016, Trump carried Wisconsin by 22,748 votes.

What's remarkable, though, is that most of the conversation is about Trump's political or psychological needs and not his obligations as president. It's been made clear to him that moving the election is a non-starter. What's his response? To preemptively discredit the election results. Even his complaints about the problems with mail-in voting are couched not in his obligations as chief executive to see that the integrity of our elections be preserved, but in partisan grievance. He's tweeted about a "CORRUPT ELECTION" that will "LEAD TO THE END OF OUR GREAT REPUBLICAN PARTY."

If Trump is so concerned about the legitimacy of the election, why not, you know, do something to assure the election is conducted properly?

There's nothing stopping Trump from pushing a massive effort to, say, gear up the U.S. Postal Service to handle an increased volume of mail during the election period. Instead, the donor he appointed to run the USPS has eliminated overtime for postal workers, virtually ensuring delivery delays. Trump could also use the same emergency powers he's used to acquire ventilators to buy secure ballot drop boxes for the states.

Instead, on Monday, he raised the possibility of issuing an executive order to force states not to use vote-by-mail. As with moving Election Day, he has no such power.

Putting aside plausible theories that Trump is laying a foundation to claim he was robbed of re-election, his response is of a piece with his pandemic denial. Just as you can't get the schools reopened or the economy revived without dealing with the pandemic, you can't have a normal election by just pretending there's no pandemic. Predicting it will "just disappear" isn't a strategy.

But rather than face that reality and take appropriate action, Trump prefers to carp as if his hands are tied – but his fingers are free to tweet.

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When the counterculture becomes the culture

In November 2015, three years after taking the San Francisco 49ers to the Super Bowl, quarterback Colin Kaepernick was benched in favor of Blaine Gabbert, a career journeyman most recently unsuccessful with the Jacksonville Jaguars. The following preseason, Kaepernick began donning garb designed to mock police officers, including socks with cops dressed as pigs. He also remained seated for the national anthem during a preseason game, claiming, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color."

Ben Shapiro

At the time, multiple NFL players spoke out in opposition to Kaepernick's symbolic move: New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz said, "You've got to respect the flag, and you've got to stand up with your teammates. It's bigger than just you, in my opinion. You go up there; you're with a team; and you go and pledge your allegiance to the flag, and sing the national anthem with your team, and then you go about your business." At the time, this was a majority proposition: Seventy-two percent of Americans thought the gesture unpatriotic, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll.

Kaepernick never regained a starting role in the NFL ... but his career took off again. He signed a lucrative endorsement deal with Nike to cash in on his supposed bravery; he cut a content deal with Disney. When he was offered a private tryout with NFL teams, he promptly violated all protocols and blew up the process. In June 2020, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell urged NFL teams to sign Kaepernick anyway. On July 4, Kaepernick tweeted: "Black ppl have been dehumanized, brutalized, criminalized + terrorized by America for centuries, & are expected to join your commemoration of 'independence,' while you enslaved our ancestors. We reject your celebration of white supremacy & look forward to liberation for all."

Today, Kaepernick's symbolism has become the new normal, morphed into a rote ritual of wokeness thanks to the ugly sight of then-Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kneeling on the neck of George Floyd, who would later die. Democratic elected officials knelt in the halls of Congress. Major League Baseball players knelt before the national anthem to protest supposed systemic American racism. NBA players knelt as well, wearing Black Lives Matter T-shirts.

And players who refused to comply were publicly cudgeled. When San Francisco Giants pitcher Sam Coonrod refused to kneel, stating that he would not kneel for anything but God, he was castigated as benighted at best, racist at worst. When black Orlando Magic basketball player Jonathan Isaacs stood for the national anthem, again citing the unifying anti-racism of Christianity, he was ripped as "dangerous." Only Gregg Popovich, coach of the San Antonio Spurs, who has spent years utilizing purple progressive language about President Donald Trump, was exonerated for standing for the anthem – and that was because he wore a Black Lives Matter T-shirt.

So, what changed? Certainly not the data. Despite the presence of individual racism in American life in all walks of life, America's police are not systemically racist. Until the pandemic wrecked the economy across the board, black Americans were experiencing historic lows in unemployment and historic highs in median income. What changed is that Americans surrendered to the narrative promulgated for so long by those who seek to undermine American comity: that American history is not the story of moving toward the fulfillment of the promises of the Declaration of Independence but of the continuous, chameleonic perversion of bigotry; that America's founding ideas were lies, then and always; that only racial identity provides credence for talking about racial inequalities. The burden of proof has shifted to America's defenders.

And those defenders can never prove their case: first, because no country is perfect, and second, because systemic racism is a non-disprovable theory. Four short years ago, we mostly assumed the best of our fellow Americans – that they weren't endemically racist, at the very least – and the best of our country's ideals. No longer. The counterculture has become the culture. And that is both a tragedy and a travesty. There can be no future for a country in which standing for the national anthem is considered gauche, while kneeling is considered heroic.

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OBITUARIES

Paul Sheldon Richards

Nov. 29, 1929 – Aug. 4, 2020

Paul Sheldon Richards, 90, of Bridgman went to his heavenly home Aug. 4, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

He was born Nov. 29, 1929, in Kalamazoo, to George and Loretta (Shamley) Richards.

Paul was a Dean's List graduate of Michigan State University and worked as a mechanical engineer for North American Aviation, Kawneer and retired from Modern Plastics after 38 years of service. He married the love of his life, Joyce Elaine Peters on Sept. 5, 1953, in Benton Harbor. Together they loved living life in the slow lane. Paul loved playing golf at The Oaks and Blossom Trails for over 25 years. The former owner of Blossom Trails, George Graber, declared Paul to be "The epitome of a Gentleman Golfer." Paul predicted in the early 1960s Joyce's parents farm would make a great golf course. It is now Lake Michigan Hills Golf Course on Kerlikowske Road in Benton Harbor. He was an avid supporter of Michigan State Football and attended Woodland Shores Baptist Church. Paul enjoyed scientific gardening, growing 161 rose bushes, fruits and vegetables sharing them with family, neighbors and friends. His wife, Joyce, gave away up to six bouquets of flowers a day for 15 summers. In his spare time, he read mysteries, enjoyed music and cared for his many cats. Paul's favorite times were spent with his wife and family. He will be remembered dearly as a great friend and a wonderful, kind and gentle man.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Joyce; daughter, Kathy (Jeffery) Wilson; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He is preceded by his parents and son, Michael Richards.

Paul's family wish to thank the staff at West Woods of Bridgman for their compassionate care. No visitation or service has been planned at this time due to Covid-19. Private burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made in Paul's name to the Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd., P.O. Box 731, Bridgman, MI 49106 or 12-Corners Community Church – Building Fund, 3902 Hicks Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

For those who wish to leave an online condolence you may do so at www.purelycremations.org.

Carol Sue King

May 12, 1962 – Aug. 3, 2020

Carol Sue King, 79, passed away Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, at River Ridge Retirement Village in South Haven. Carol was born March 5, 1941, in Watervliet. She is the daughter of Carl and Florence (Shingledecker) McNees. Carol was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

On May 12, 1962, Carol was united in marriage with Lucius King. She had two children: Clinton and Cindy, and two grandchildren, Megan and Emily. She retired from 5th Third Bank after 25 years of service.

In her spare time, Carol loved to spend time with her husband of 58 years and her family. She enjoyed gardening, taking care of her family and spoiling her grand dogs. She cherished the time she spent participating in community parades, as a member of the parade crew for Vassar Farms Antique Tractors.

The King family would like to give a special thank you to the kind and generous staff at River Ridge Retirement Village in South Haven. They provided loving care to Carol during her stay, as well as warm support to her family.

Surviving family members include her husband, Lucius; their two children: Clint (Jan) King of Watervliet and Cindy (Chris) Rush of Lake Orion; two grandchildren: Megan and Emily Rush. Also surviving are special cousins: Donna Bench (Yirchott) and Jeff Tanner; sister and brother-in-law Sandy (King) and Norm Bailey; and several nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Preceding Carol's passing were her parents; two brothers, Donald and Jerry McNees; and sister and brother-in-law Joanne (King) and Dale Jones.

In accordance with Carol's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service to celebrate Carol's life is being planned. Family and friends will be informed directly, as soon as the details are finalized.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like any memorial donations to be sent to either Caring Circle of South Haven www.caring-circle.org or Dementia Society of America www.dementiasociety.org. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home of Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave a memorial condolences for the family may do on our website at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Edward Brewer, 86, of Paw Paw died Aug. 3, 2020, in Bloomingdale. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Dianne Michelle Cleaver, 53, died July 31, 2020. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101

James Keech, 87, of Keeler, Mich., died Aug. 4, 2020. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101

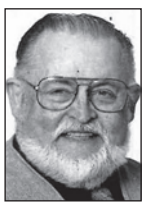
Danny Ray Mann, Jr. 40, of Decatur died Aug 2, 2020. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Homes, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Eddie Marlowe Jr., 63 of Benton Harbor died Aug. 1, 2020, at Beaumont Health-Farmington Hills Campus. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3329.

JoAnne Marilyn Neal (née Austgen), 90, of Bridgman, formally of Lansing, Ill., died Aug. 6, 2020, at Woodland Terrace Senior Living Community. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101

James H. Keech

Jan. 9, 1933 – Aug. 4, 2020



James Keech, 87, of Keeler, Mich., peacefully made his final curtain call Aug. 4, 2020.

A lifelong resident of the area, his travels circled the earth several times. A Hartford High School graduate of 1951, James was named a Class C all-state football player. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in the Korean War. He received bachelor and master's degrees from Western Michigan University, and worked at Watervliet High School as a social studies and drama teacher for 37 years. During his time, he also coached football, and later announced varsity games, using flowery penalty terms such as "yellow hanky" for the home crowd. He was known in the area for his love of the theater, being involved in over 350 high school, summer stock and community productions as director. He occasionally took a sabbatical or two, teaching English abroad in countries such as Japan, China and Poland. He was a 32nd degree mason, who also served as quartermaster for VFW Post #1137 for many years. Another interest, as many people knew, was his love of cartooning, submitting a weekly caricature for the Tri-City Record for 15 years. He enjoyed spending time with children, especially his own.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother: Gerrit (Louthelle) Keech of Hartford; sister, LuAn (Nick) Korsak of Hartford; brother, Richard (Barbara) Keech of Eau Claire; and wife, Ruth (Keillor) of Hartford.

Survivors include sister, Sharyn Robbins-Kuempel (Kenneth) of Sawyer; three sons: Timothy (Mary) of Kennewick, Washington, Matthew (Gaytha) of Hartford, and Christopher of St. Joseph; daughter, Rachel (John Daly) of Mattawan; six grandchildren; and one great grand-child.

Public visitation is scheduled from 1-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, observing virus restrictions at Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford. A private burial with immediate family will follow. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date when virus restrictions will allow, and a venue is found large enough to accommodate a public remembrance, as the family understands that he was a man who changed a great number of lives for the better.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hartford Public Schools Foundation for Quality Education. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Dianne Michelle Cleaver

Feb. 14-19567 – July 31, 2020

Dianne Michelle Cleaver, 53, lost her long and hard-fought battle with brain cancer on Friday, July 31, 2020.

She was born Feb. 14, 1967, in Benton Harbor to James and Barbara Cleaver.

Dianne was a born diva. She wouldn't go out of the house, even for the mail, without full makeup on. She would cheer her boys on when they played ball, with lipstick in hand. She always had herself together and made beautiful flawless and effortless. Dianne had such a sense of humor and was quick to laugh. She loved to dance and sing: she knew every word of every '80s hair band song on the radio. Pizza, Henry's, and Chicken Coop were her weakness.

Born on Valentine's Day, she brought a lot of love to this world. She loved her boys. Loved watching them grow up, play ball, become young men. She loved her friends as fiercely as she loved her family. She touched so many lives and some were better off for knowing her. Dianne has left a hole that will be impossible to fill.

Dianne will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her two sons: Jeffery and Jordon Sittig; mother, Barbara Cleaver; two sisters: Cami and Suzy; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Cleaver; her son Billy; and her Nana, Josephyne.

Family and friends will gather for an internment in North Shore Memory Gardens, at a date and time, yet to be determined.

The family prefers contributions Dianne's memory be made to Hanson Hospice Center, Cleveland Road, Stevensville, MI 49127. The family would like to thank the staff at Hanson Hospice Center for their dedication, care and great love they gave Dianne.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Eddie Marlowe Jr.

Sept. 17, 1956 – Aug. 1, 2020

Eddie Marlowe Jr., 63, of Benton Harbor passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, at Beaumont Health-Farmington Hills Campus.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Spring Run Cemetery, 4225 M-139, St Joseph. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Eddie was born Sept. 17, 1956, in Parkin, Ark., the son of the Eddie and Ollie (Robinson) Marlowe Sr.

Eddie married Estella Doyle and she preceded him in death on Feb. 15, 2020.

Eddie and Estella were faithful members of the Community Church of God in Christ, Benton Harbor. Eddie retired from Weil-McLain, Benton Harbor.

Survivors include his children: Larry (Patricia) Doyle, Angela Doyle, Lamont Marlowe, Shameka Marlowe, Eddie III (Wanishea) Marlowe, Sharonda Bonner, Cynthia Doyle, Ciera, Eddie Lee, Catherine, Porsha, Amanda, Dajanay, Diamond, James, Jaquale and Ashley Marlowe, Stacey Thompson, Lekisha Robinson and Tenisha Watson; a host of grand and great-grandchildren; his mother, Ollie Marlowe; sisters, Evelyn Long, Barbara Hicks, Pamela (Wayne) Criss, Sheila (Steve) Johnson and Jackie Williams; and brothers, Kenny (Brenda) Marlowe, Rickey (Barbara) Marlowe, Ernest (Audrey) Marlowe and Tony (Mary) Marlowe.

Eddie was preceded in death by his nephew Fredrick Doyle.

Sara Hayduk

Jan. 18, 1928 – July 24, 2020

Sara Hayduk, 92, of Benton Harbor, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020, at her home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at a later date. Burial will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, Mich. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sara was born Jan. 18, 1928, to Faustino and Antonia (Hernandez) Gonzales in Santiago De Veraguas, Panama. On Sept. 1, 1951, Sara married the love of her life, Russell Hayduk, at Fort Kobbe in the Panama Canal Zone. The two met while he was serving in the U. S. Army. They were happily married for nearly 58 years before he passed away in 2009. For a number of years, Sara worked in the kitchen for Berrien General Hospital and cleaned offices for Whirlpool Corporation. She was also a volunteer at the former Lakeland Hospital working with their Hospice Grief Support Groups. Sara enjoyed cooking meals such as arroz con pollo, baking and tending to her rose garden. What gave Sara the most happiness was her family; she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an incredible lady who was always willing to help when needed. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

Sara is survived by her children: Kenneth (Gracia) Hayduk of Katy, Texas; Harry (Ramona) Hayduk of Waynesville, Mo.; and Marta Daniels of Benton Harbor; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and sisters: Cenobia and Juana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Russell; and siblings: Rosa, Celia, Tomas, Ricardo and Maurilio.

Betty J. Siebenmark

May 28, 1937 – May 22, 2020

Betty J. Siebenmark, 82, of St. Joseph, passed away Friday, May 22, 2020, at her home.

A celebration of life service will be at noon, Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial donations in Betty's name may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Those wishing to sign Betty's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Betty was born May 28, 1937, in Loris, S.C. She is the daughter of the late Tull Floyd of South Carolina and the late Peggy (Morris) Reinicker of Florida.

Betty graduated from Plant City (Florida) High School and later from Lake Michigan College. On May 26, 1961, she married Jim Siebenmark in New Buffalo. They started a family, and she enjoyed being a mother and homemaker for many years, and later as "Gramie" to her four grandchildren. Betty enjoyed tending to her flower gardens around her house, sewing, baking and cooking for her family on holidays and other occasions, and time spent with family and friends. Betty later worked for many years at Old Kent Bank in St. Joseph, retiring in 2000. She then spent many years volunteering at the Mendel Center and Peace Lutheran Church.

Betty is survived by her husband, Jim; her children: Susan (Ed) Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio and Michael (Kevin West) Siebenmark of Kalamazoo; and four grandchildren: Nicholas (Sarah), Alexander, Jack and Ellie Johnson.

Jimmie Shull

July 7, 1959 – Aug. 1, 2020

Jimmie B. Shull, 61, passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel; his mother, Bessie and his brother, Roy.

He was a loving husband to Colleen. He is also remembered and loved by his previous wife, Melanie. Joining Colleen and Melanie in love and grief are his children and their spouses: Heath, Rebecca, Amanda, Scott, Chris, Brandon and Stephanie, his grandchildren: Jocelyn, Kyra, Kaylee, Lily, Lucas, Sophia, Riley, Elijah, Ellasyn, Jordan, Dylan and Brandon; his loving siblings; and countless other family and friends he impacted in life.

Jimmie was born July 17, 1959, in Allegan, Mich. He attended Bloomingdale High School and spent most of his life working in the agriculture and in the trucking industries. His profession never defined him like it does so many in the world today. His work was a means to an end. That end was providing for his three children the best he knew how and the joy he found in his free time. When Jimmie was not working, he was regularly seen tinkering with cars and trucks in his garage or riding ATVs, lawn mowers, and motorcycles.

Memorial service information will be distributed separately for family and friends.

John T. Hammond

Sept. 12, 1933 – June 11, 2020

The Honorable John T. Hammond, retired Berrien County Judge and longtime St. Joseph resident, passed away in Ann Arbor June 11, 2020, at age 87, after an extended illness.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with Pastor Jeffrey Hubers officiating, followed by a gathering at the church. The service and gathering will be in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army; PolioPlus, c/o Ann Arbor Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 131217, Ann Arbor, MI 48113, (the international fund to eradicate polio); or a hospice of the donor's choice. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Judge Hammond was born Sept. 12, 1932, in Carson City, Mich. Following graduation from Benton Harbor High School in 1950, he attended the University of Michigan, graduating with a B.A. in history and political science. He received his JD from The University of Michigan Law School in 1958 and practiced in Benton Harbor until 1964, when he was elected Berrien County Prosecuting Attorney. In 1968 he was elected a judge of the newly created District Court. In 1986 he was elected Circuit Judge, where he served until his retirement in 2004. At the time of his retirement, he was the longest-serving judge in the state of Michigan.

Getting it straight

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The battle over the design of a World War II monument in St. Joseph ended Monday with the city commission approving a compromise design. Both the veterans involved in the project and members of the city's Parks Advisory Board said they're satisfied with the new design for the monument which is scheduled to be dedicated on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, in Lake Bluff Park.

"This has been a learning process for all of us," said Richard Insley, a member of the World War II monument committee. "We appreciate the contributions of the Parks Board. We think this is a better monument than what we started out with."

1985 – 35 years ago

The 40th annual Berrien County Youth Fair begins in Berrien Springs Monday and runs through Saturday. The fair bills itself as the "largest youth fair in the Midwest."

Several events precede the fair, starting with the Youth Fair Association horse show, which opens today and runs through Saturday. On Monday the fair will conduct a parade through Berrien Springs to herald the opening. According to Barbara Kolm, fair association secretary, this is the first time for the parade. Parade participants will leave the fairgrounds through the Shawnee Road gate to Ferry Street, and down Main Street to George Street to U.S. 31, then back to the fairgrounds through gate 1.

1970 – 50 years ago

Brant County, Ontario, Canada, and Berrien County, Michigan, USA, were joined as both friends and competitors last night. The 1970 CANAMER games opened at Dickinson Stadium, St. Joseph, with the lighting of the CAMAMER torch, symbolic of the international torch of the Olympiad, by Mrs. Charles Zollar, wife of the State Senator.

Begun in 1969, the CANAMER games pits teams from Berrien County against athletes from Brant County in basketball, kickball, golf, pistol and rifle shoots, tennis, swimming and track and field events.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Aug. 8, the 221st day of 2020. There are 145 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

On this date:

In 1814, during the War of 1812, peace talks between the United States and Britain began in Ghent, Belgium.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S. instrument of ratification for the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

In 2008, China opened the Summer Olympic Games with an extravaganza of fireworks and pageantry.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
84°	68°	86° / 72°	85° / 68°	81° / 66°	83° / 67°

Local Outlook

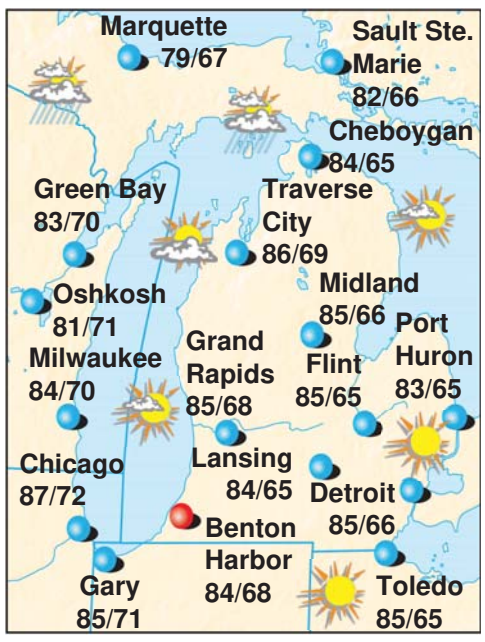
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 50%. South wind 2 to 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 68°. South wind 8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:46 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:55 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:40 p.m.
Moonset ..... 11:33 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
8/11	8/18	8/25	9/2

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	81°
Low	57°
Normal High	81°
Normal Low	62°
Record High	93° in 2001
Record Low	47° in 2004

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.25"
Normal for month	0.96"
Year to date	25.70"
Normal Year to date	22.19"

Air Quality

Yesterday 56
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

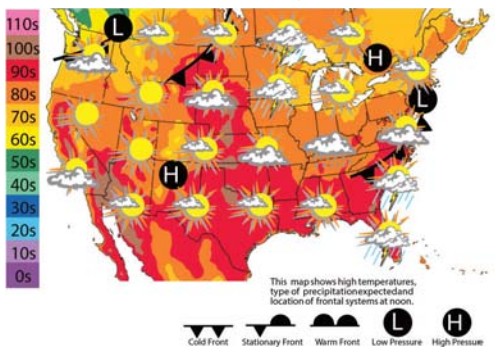
Weather Trivia

What are the dog days of summer?

Answer: From July 3rd to Aug. 11th, superstition has it that dogs become mad.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Aug. 8, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SSW wind around 9 kt. Sunny. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, S wind 9 to 11 kt. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with scattered showers, highs in the 70s and 80s. South southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread thunderstorms, highs in the 80s. West southwest wind 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 80s. South wind 2 to 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 80s. South southwest wind 6 to 9 mph.

IN BRIEF

SH High School site of curbside virus testing next week

SOUTH HAVEN — Residents in South Haven can be tested for COVID-19 next week.

Intercare Community Health will set up a mobile test site from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday at South Haven High School, 600 Elkenburg St. The testing will take place at the school's south parking lot.

The test is covered by most insurance companies. However, no one will be turned away based on inability to pay.

Testing requirements include:

- You feel sick;
- Someone close to you feels sick;
- You work outside the home, even if you don't have symptoms;
- You are part of a vulnerable population;
- You are entering or are already living in a congregate setting like a nursing home or a foster home;
- You are going to the hospital for a surgical procedure, even if you don't have symptoms.

Official resigns after backlash over slur

By PATTI BRANDT BURGESS
The Record-Eagle, Traverse City (TNS)

SUTTONS BAY — A Leelanau County road commissioner will step down after starting an uproar by using a racial slur in a public setting.

But Tom Eckerle, 75, said he's not stepping down because of community pressure in the wake of his using the n-word just before the start of the road commission's meeting Tuesday.

He is leaving his elected post, he said, because the road commission has hired a new manager, Brendan Mullane, who will start later this month. The position has been vacant since April.

"The new manager is starting and I don't want to burden him with this," said Eckerle, who spoke with the Record-Eagle on Friday.

The community reacted swiftly when the news broke that Eckerle used the n-word to describe people in Detroit, calling for him to resign at once or face a recall.

Still, he says he has no bias against Black people or any group of minorities.

"Do I regret saying it? No," Eckerle said. "I am not a racist."

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Health, community success go hand in hand

Spectrum Health Lakeland's racial equity initiative being fleshed out

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — This week's declaration of racism as a public health crisis in Michigan complements work being already done by local health officials to improve the health outcomes of people of color.

"Just using African Americans as an example, African Americans in Berrien County die at rates that are significantly higher than their representation in the county population," said Lynn Todman, vice president of health equity and executive director of population health at Spectrum Health Lakeland.

The hospital system announced in June that it was committing more money and resources to improve racial equity in Southwest Michigan, but it's Todman's job to determine what the initiative will look like.

TODMAN

"My work is really designed to help identify the underlying causes of those inequities and put into place some kind of interventions that, over time, will narrow those gaps," she said.

An example of some of that inequity includes the 19-year life expectancy gap between parts of Benton Harbor, which is a majority Black community, and Lincoln Township, which has a majority white population, according to Todman.

She said there's a difference in death rates of about 30-35 percent between Black people and white people in Berrien County, and the county falls in the bottom half of death rates for all the counties in Michigan.

Spectrum Health Lakeland has pledged the interest on $50 million for 10 years to the initiative.

Todman said she is trying to lay the ground work, including more funding, governance, operations, community education, engagement and how to evaluate this work, for it to live on.

"I think we could certainly inspire hope and promise, but I think it's useful to think of the funding as a 10-year runway, but the programing and interventions will have to live on beyond that," Todman said.

She said she had been asked to think about health equity before COVID-19 hit and the death of George Floyd.

"I've been doing work around racism and health ever since I got to Lakeland. When I looked at the data, I thought, 'OK, we're going to have to talk about racism.' We're going to have to talk about class too, but the most salient issue is racism."

Todman said institutional racism is what has lead to such poor health outcomes for people of color, and that's what she is focusing on.

"You can be a really well-intended person who doesn't value people based on race,

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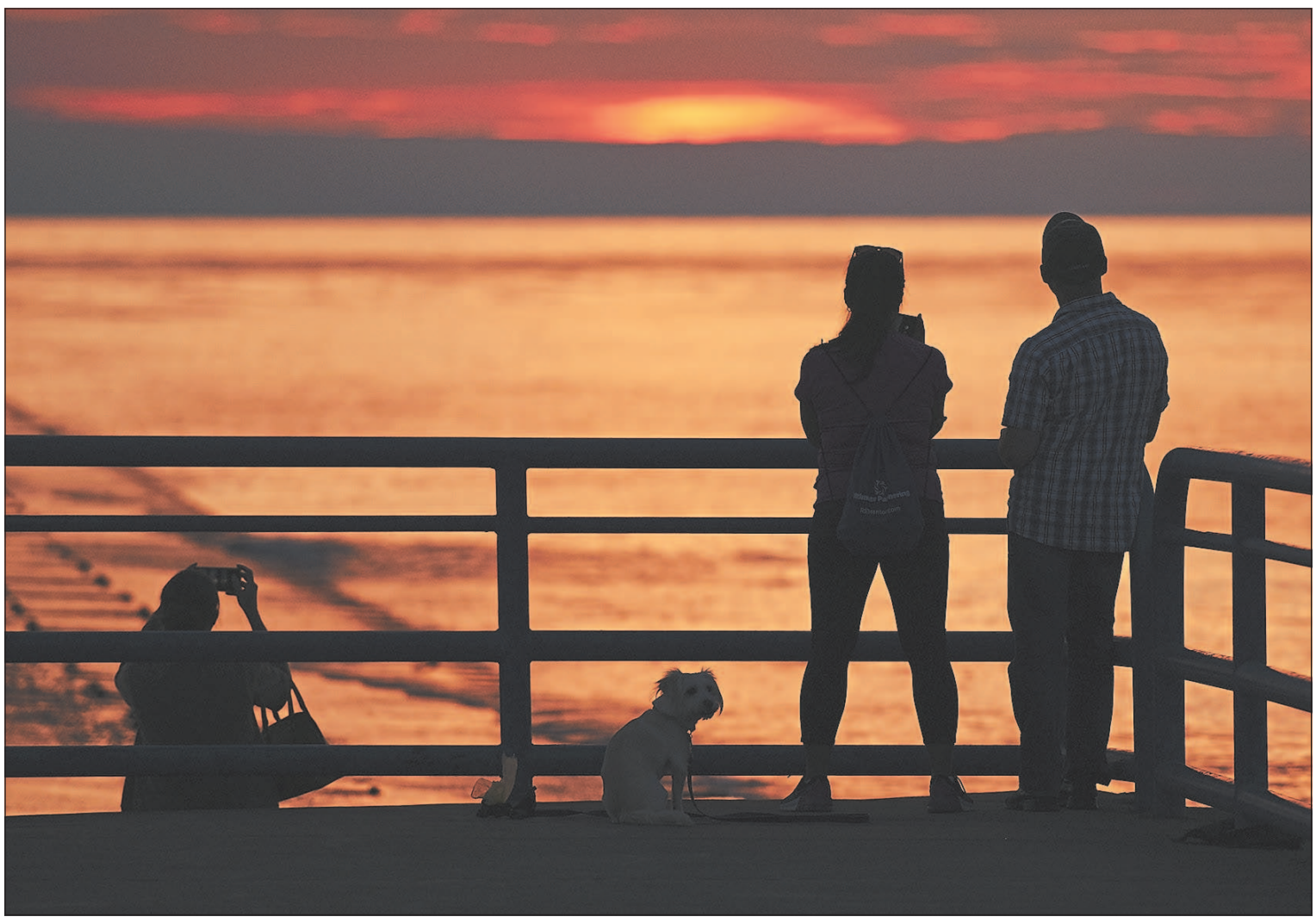
SUNSET COAST AT ITS FINEST



Don Campbell / HP staff

A couple enjoys a sunset earlier this week along the North Pier in St. Joseph.

New faces coming to several Van Buren school boards

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Expect some new faces on area school boards for the upcoming year.

Candidate filings compiled by the Van Buren County Clerk's office show that several current school board members in the South Haven, Bangor and Covert public schools districts have chosen not to seek re-election in November, paving the way for new ones to take their place as well as the possibility for a few write-in elections.

South Haven

South Haven Public Schools has three four-year positions available However, only one of the three incumbents has filed for re-election – Vice President Doug Ransom. The other two board members, longtime Treasurer Joe DeGrandchamp and Trustee John Frost, chose not to re-file for their seats. Also on the ballot is newcomer, S. Grassflower, which could lead toward a write-in candidate for the third position that will be open.

Covert

Covert Public School's slate of board of education candidates also contains several newcomers.

There will be a handful of four-year and two-year positions available.

For several months, the board has had two openings after trustees Elizabeth DeRosa and Cheryl Edrington resigned at the end of March.

As a result, that has created more open seats for the November election because neither Secretary Shirley Kener nor Trustee Flozene King filed for re-election.

"As it stands right now, there are four 4-year terms on the ballot for this November 2020 election," said Anthonette Cox, administrative assistant to Covert Public Schools Superintendent Yolanda Brunt..

Candidates who are seeking office are former school board member Cheryl McCray, incumbent Ella Rae Harrington and newcomer Geoffrey Rose.

That will leave one 4-year term open.

"The fourth candidate will have to be a write-in candidate at this juncture," Cox said.

Only one candidate, Kayla Perry, filed for the partial two-year term position.

Bangor

Like Covert, Bangor will not have a full slate of candidates seeking to fill board positions.

The terms of four board members will expire at the end of this year. However, only three candidates have filed to run for election in November.

The board members whose terms are expiring are Vice President Betsy Finch, Secretary Sarah Gray, Treasurer Jen Zordan and Trustee Joyce Adams, according to Melissa Quinn, administrative assistant to Superintendent Lynn Johnson.

However, only Zordan and Adams have filed to run for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Joyce Adams, leaving one four-year term available to write-in candidates.

Veterans flyover to honor COVID-19 'citizen heroes'

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — For the past eight years, the South Haven Steelheaders, American Legion and Operation Injured Soldiers have teamed up to take veterans, injured in war, out on Lake Michigan for a day of fishing as part of the annual Salute to Veterans celebration.

This year, however, with the coronavirus pandemic, the event will be a little different and instead focus on "citizen heroes" who are in the midst of curbing the spread of the deadly virus.

Next Saturday people who live in the South Haven area can look to the sky to see the Hooligan Flight Team conduct a flyover in honor of people who have been affected by the pandemic. The flight team, whose pilots are from Muskegon, Grand Haven, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, conduct formation flyovers throughout Michigan.

The flyover isn't just in honor of police officers, firefighters, paramedics, hospital staff and other "essential" workers, but others, as well.

"A citizen hero is the citizen who respected others by staying at home, wearing a mask, following social distancing, lost their jobs, lost their businesses, lost high school and college graduation ceremonies, lost the opportunity to have visitors while in a hospital, lost the opportunity to pay proper last respects to loved ones who had passed away, and lost the ability to go to a house of worship when they needed it the most," said Bruce Thatcher, who plays a key role in organizing the Salute to Veterans event each year.

The flight team will fly above

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Police investigate after Black Lives Matter mural splattered with white paint

By BRAD DEVEREAUX
mlive.com

KALAMAZOO — Police are investigating after a 200-foot Black Lives Matter mural painted on a busy city street was found with white paint dripped and splattered across it.

The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety has opened a case and is investigating the incident, Deputy City Manager Jeff Chamberlain said on Friday, Aug. 7.

The mural is located on South Rose Street nearby Kalamazoo City Hall. Featuring large letters with different paintings inside each one, the mural is located alongside the Kalamazoo Public Library in the city's downtown.

A line of white paint appeared to have been trickled over most of the mural. Larger splatters of paint cover other parts of the mural.

Nearby the defaced mural Friday, a shattered vodka bottle with paint inside sat next to the curb.

"I love this street art," said Tobi Hanna-Davies, who was taking photos and videos of the mural to share with friends and relatives around the country.

She noticed the vandalism as she proceeded down the street. The Black Lives Matter mural is a wonderful way of raising consciousness, Hanna-Davies said.

The apparent vandalism does not discourage her or other supporters, she said.

"We know not everybody is with us, but it's so much better than it has been in the past," Hanna-Davies said. "Many more people understand why we have to say Black Lives Matter instead of merely All Lives Matter, because Black

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BCHD says virus is 'widespread'

Despite this, cases in Berrien still on a plateau

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Though Berrien County's COVID-19 numbers continued to plateau this week, local health officials are still warning of community spread of the virus.

"While we continue to see new clusters of cases pop up, the majority of our new cases are from widespread community transmission across the entire county," the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) wrote on its Facebook page Friday in its weekly update.

This week the county added 76 new cases and 65 new recoveries.

The one COVID-19 death recorded this week was a person in their 90s who lived at a long-term care facility, according to the BCHD.

There are now about 99 active COVID-19 cases in the county. That's up from 89 last Friday, but down from 141 the week before.

In total, the county now has had 1,169 cases, 1,005 recoveries, 65 deaths and 241 presumed positive cases.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 13 COVID-19 patients as of Friday morning. That's two more than on Thursday and the same as last Friday.

As of Tuesday, about 2.2 percent of Berrien County's COVID-19 tests were coming back positive. That's with an average of 567 tests daily. Last week the county had about 3.7 percent of its tests coming back positive.

Van Buren/Cass

Van Buren County has about 4.3 percent of its testing coming back positive, with an average of 273 tests being done daily. Last week the county was at 3.8 percent.

Cass County is at 4.7 percent of its tests coming back positive, with an average of 100 tests a day. Last week the county was at 5.6 percent.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department released its weekly tally of COVID-19 recoveries Friday.

There are now 237 people recovered in Van Buren County and 173 people recovered in Cass County.

That's an addition of 29 recoveries in Van Buren County and 23 recoveries in Cass County over last Friday. The week before, Van Buren added 16 recoveries and Cass added 25 recoveries.

Cass County added four COVID-19 deaths this week, while Van Buren added none.

Both counties gained about 40 new cases over last week.

There are now 400 total cases in Van Buren County and 296 total cases in Cass.

With deaths and recoveries, that's about 153 active cases in Van Buren County, up from 140 last week.

Cass is at about 123 active cases, up from 107 last week.

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Assault

Tyrone T. Taylor, 29, of Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, 1 year in jail, credit for 101 days served, and $198 in costs for domestic violence, third offense; and a concurrent term of 101 days and $68 in costs for unlawful use of a motor vehicle Feb. 20 in Benton Harbor.

Rosco Fleming, 61, of East Vineyard, Benton Harbor, 60 days in jail, credit for 13 days served, and $198 in costs, for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a woman with a knife; and a concurrent term of 45 days, credit for 4 days served, for contempt of court Dec. 7, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Drugs

Joshua C. Motry, 30, of 48th Avenue, Coloma, 60 days in jail, credit for 28 days served, $2,238 in fines and costs, 60 days on tether and 18 months probation for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, May 20 in Hagar Township.

Cali C. Petznick, 29, of Bluff Street, Niles, 9 days in jail, credit for 9 days served, $1,488 in fines and costs, 60 days on tether and 18 months probation for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, April 30 in Benton Harbor.

Fermin Paniagua Jr., 25, of Niles Avenue, St. Joseph, 30 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $2,138 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for possession of narcotics, 25-49 grams cocaine, Feb. 27 in Coloma Township.

Unlawful driving away a vehicle

James Allen Mason Jr., 30, no permanent address, 150 days in jail, credit for 47 days served, $1,643 in fines and costs, 18 months probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle May 30 in Coloma Township.

Jerail L. Porter Jr., 18, of Clay Avenue, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail, credit for 51 days served, and $198 in costs for unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle May 23 in Benton Harbor.

Firearms violation

Stephen J. Butler, 25, of East Empire Avenue, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,598 in fines and costs, and forfeiture of a semi-automatic pistol for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle June 14 in Benton Township.

Niles

Fleeing/resisting police

Chaz N. McGowen, 27, of Baldwin Drive, Niles, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $598 in fines and costs, $74 in restitution, 6 months on tether and 2 years probation for assaulting/resisting/obstructing and injuring a Niles police officer.

Monti Barl, 27, of Oak Street, Niles, 42 days in jail, credit for 42 days served, for fourth-degree fleeing police June 9 in Niles.

Breaking/entering

Heather L. Harrell, 40, of Hill Street, Niles, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $598 in fines and costs, 3 years probation, completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program and 60 days on tether after release for breaking and entering a building, a house, with intent Feb. 5 in Oronoko Township.

Uttering/publishing

Adam P. Tam, 45, of South Bend, Ind., 5 days in jail, credit for 5 days served, $258 in costs, $8,250 in restitution and 2 years probation for uttering and publishing a false, forged, altered or counterfeit record, a check, Nov. 21, 2019, in Bertrand Township.

Drugs

Oswaldo J. Ceveda-Velasquez, 26, address unknown, 180 days in jail, credit for 47 days served, and $258 in costs for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, less than 50 grams cocaine, June 17 in Niles Township.

Other

Christie L. Bates, 42, of Berrien Springs, 1 day in jail, $198 in costs, 60 days on tether and 2 years probation for attempted failing to register as a sex offender March 30 in Niles Township.

FLYOVER

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Bangor at 11:35 a.m., Covert at 11:40 a.m., South Haven at noon, Saugatuck at 12:10 p.m. and Douglas at 12:15 p.m.

During the flyover in South Haven, the South Haven American Legion will host families of veterans who died during the coronavirus lockdown without proper military honors. To honor the families and veterans, the Legion will perform a 21-gun salute and Taps at noon.

The flyover above the five towns is being sponsored by Star of the Lake Masonic Lodge in South Haven and the Saugatuck Masonic Lodge.

LAKELAND

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but if you're embedded in an institution that has policies, practices and procedures that treat one group of people one way and another group of people another way, you participate in producing racist outcomes," she said.

She said she can't change people's bad behavior, but she "can galvanize allies to look at our systems and ask, how can we as a system, or community, do better?"

A simple example of something she wants to change is the meeting times of committees at the hospital.

"These committees would like community participation, but they meet at 7 a.m.," Todman said. "That rules out people with young children. It rules out a lot of people. It limits the options. So that's the kind of change internally that I'm thinking. We can't expect community engagement if we offer that engagement at seven in the morning."

But, she said a lot of the change, and one of the heaviest lifts, is going to be getting the community to come together and focus on the bigger picture.

"How do I get people, with all similar needs, to get better health but with different world views, values and beliefs systems, at the same time to see their interests are aligned?" Todman said.

She said there's this prevailing perception that health is a zero-sum game.

"I'd really like to shift that thinking. We can all be healthy. It means that we're going to have to give up a little bit of our ideal state to come to some state that's mutually beneficial to everybody," Todman said.

The community is not only going to have to come together, but it's also going to have to be educated, largely around what health is, according to Todman.

"It's not just physical health. It includes mental and social health. It includes ideas around wellness – what it means to create a community that's well. We have to reeducate people on how health is optimized and it's not optimized in the hospital," she said. "It's optimized in your community, in your home, in your schools, in your workplace, where you spend most of your time."

Todman said health care entities really only contribute about 10 to 20 percent of what it takes to be healthy. It's also up to businesses, nonprofits and government.

"We have to actually build capacity both inside the health system, and outside the health system. There's some changes that need to take place in both stakeholder groups to actually collaborate effectively," she said.

She said a big portion of the initiative is the evaluation – how will success be measured? What does success look like and who gets to determine if the measures taken were successful?

Todman said groups, people and entities in the community have been working to combat racism for years now, but change can't happen all at once.

"This is a marathon. It's not sustainable to have a huge bang every week, but to be consistently moving in the right direction is important," she said.

Todman said when there's equity among illnesses that have social determinates, then some success will have been achieved. But long-term, she wants to see a thriving region.

"You can't thrive if a good deal of your population is unhealthy," she said. "Some businesses in our community have had challenges recruiting to the area. If we get this right, in addition to having parity around health, disease, illness and death we'll actually have a community that people are clamoring to be in."

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MURAL

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lives are the ones that have not mattered."

She said the vandalism is minor, but she believes the majority of people in the community are supporters of the ideas the mural represents.

"We have to love this into reality," Hanna-Davies said. "We don't hate people that can't see this truth yet. They'll come along when they understand it's not a threat."

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Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

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September: Register from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 15. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 17 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 19.

October: Register from 6-7 p.m. Oct. 6. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 8 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 10.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: The lake turned over this week, and pier anglers were catching steelhead with shrimp under a bobber or when casting spoons. Perch were caught north of the piers in 40 feet. Boat anglers caught good numbers of lake trout and the occasional salmon in 100 feet or more.

St. Joseph River: Had good walleye action for those drifting crawlers or trolling crankbaits.

South Haven: Boat anglers caught good numbers of lake trout in 120 feet. There were a few good reports of salmon caught in much deeper water. Perch fishing was slow. Once the lake turned over, the fish were scattered. Pier anglers casting spoons caught freshwater drum and the occasional steelhead.

Holland: Had slow fishing except for a few freshwater drum being caught when casting spoons.

Lake Macatawa: The DNR boat launch remains closed due to high water.

Port Sheldon: Boat anglers found a mix of salmon, steelhead and lake trout in 120 to 220 feet. Salmon were caught on glow plugs, green flies and meat rigs. Lake trout were on the bottom and hitting spin-glo's.

Grand Haven: Harbor Island boat launch remains closed.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Smallmouth bass were caught on minnows, crawlers and leeches. The catfish bite was good in the early morning or late evening when using crawlers or cut bait. Those fishing the bayous found panfish.

Muskegon: Salmon action picked up slightly. Boat anglers reported scattered fish with the better action in 120 to 200 feet. Most were using glow plugs, flies and meat rigs. Pier anglers caught freshwater drum.

Muskegon River: Continues to produce some nice bass throughout. Panfish, bass and the occasional walleye were caught in Hardy Dam Pond. The Reedsburg Dam was also producing smallmouth bass.

– Michigan DNR, August 5

Tracking fish with acoustic telemetry

By KAITLEN LANG
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Photo provided / Michigan DNR

Researchers take a blood sample and insert a tag into a grass carp as part of acoustic telemetry research in Michigan.

If you've ever been fishing, you know fish can be hard to locate.

Many anglers have marked a high-quality fishing spot with a GPS coordinate, only to return the next day to find that all the fish have left.

Fish movements can be influenced by many factors, including location of desirable habitat, water temperature and the seasons.

In addition to helping anglers target their catch, understanding fish movement can help develop more effective strategies for managing fish populations. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources employs a multitude of tools to study these movements.

One method involves marking fish by clipping off a portion of one fin on fish reared in DNR hatcheries, like salmon or trout. This fin clip indicates that an internal coded-wire tag has been inserted into the fish's head. This tag is microscopic and contains information that DNR staff can read with a microscope.

When anglers catch a marked fish, they are encouraged to report information about the catch online or in person at DNR customer service centers. In some cases the DNR will reward anglers for submitting information about the catch.

This mark-and-recapture method helps generate data based on how far the fish moved from where it was last observed. The drawbacks to this method are that researchers don't know how or when the fish traveled between two points and it is dependent on catching the fish multiple times – a challenging task in a body of water the size of the Great Lakes.

To gain greater insight into fish movement, researchers have been turning to acoustic telemetry.

Acoustic telemetry is the process of using sound and distance to determine approximate movements of animals. It has two main components: a transmitter and a receiver. Each transmitter emits a unique series of sound pulses that can be detected on a stationary receiver. The receiver decodes this unique sound and logs the transmitter number, date and time of the detection.

Researchers can surgically implant a transmitter in the fish's body cavity and release the fish into a body of water where receivers have been deployed. As the fish swims, movements can be tracked from receiver to receiver, showing the amount of time a fish spends in one area. Some tags also have environmental sensors that provide clues on the fish's depth, swim speed and water temperature.

Researchers at the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station use acoustic telemetry to study muskellunge movements in the St. Clair-Detroit River system to better understand spawning areas for habitat restoration and conservation.

"The ability of acoustic telemetry to provide fine-scale data across all seasons and across huge areas is a game changer, especially for species like muskellunge that are commonly low density," said, Jan-Michael Hessenauer, a DNR fisheries research biologist.

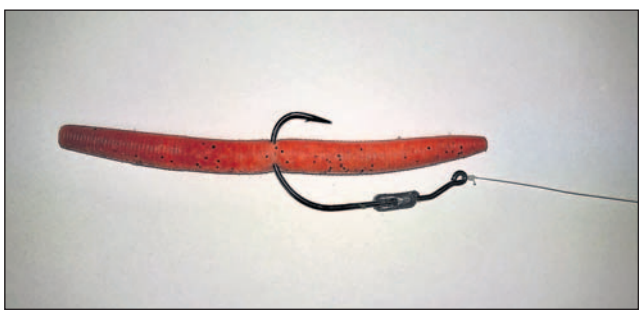
Since 2016, more than 130 muskellunge have been tagged with transmitters.

One unique aspect of this project is involving muskellunge angling groups in the tagging process.

"Members of these groups have participated in special fishing events where they have collected fish for tagging and contributed funds to purchase tags and other equipment needed to sustain the project," Hessenauer said.

Acoustic telemetry can yield surprising results. According to Hessenauer, one male muskellunge "has made two separate trips to the Buffalo area on the east side of Lake Erie, each time returning to the Detroit River where he was initially tagged … But it is important to stress that he's the only fish that has moved at that scale."

Learning from those who know nothing



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An orange ZinkerZ on a big, weighted swimbait hook looks like something that would never catch a fish. A brother-in-law who doesn't know what he's doing can prove that it does – in a big way.

Sometimes, angling with one of those brother-in-laws who know nothing about fishing pays a nice dividend.

You know the type. He doesn't know how to tie a knot. He doesn't want to touch a fish. He might not know that a spinning reel goes underneath the spinning rod.

Dave Mull

This happens to most of us who consider fishing a way of life. It starts when our significant other feels like we need to form a stronger bond with her brother. To avoid marital mayhem, we quickly agree, hoping the knucklehead won't hook us on a backcast.

This happened last weekend to my buddy Jeff, one of the kindest, most helpful guys I know.

Jeff's wife asked him to take her brother "Alphonse" fishing. Alphonse is not his real name, but Jeff might get into trouble if his wife got wind of this column and identified her husband as the protagonist.

So on a recent Saturday morning before 6 a.m., Jeff was launching his aluminum bass boat into Miner Lake near Allegan, where he was to fish a kayak tournament the following Tuesday.

Before he took up kayak bass tournaments as a hobby, Jeff fished a lot of boat tournaments and was no stranger to Miner. He knew of a mid-lake hump that was almost always productive and decided to start there.

Alphonse had recently bought a new spinning rod and reel combo. He selected a specific model because both the reel and the rod had orange highlights and he liked the color orange.

So Jeff found a pack of Z-Man ZinkerZs, a 5-inch, soft-plastic stickbait similar to the highly popular Yamamoto Senko. This particular pack was in the "Alabama Craw" color, which is predominantly orange.

Then he found a weighted hook designed to be rigged with big swim baits. Most bass anglers would have considered this 5/0 hook too big to be matched with a soft plastic stick worm. The big hook is too visible to the fish.

"I would never throw orange this time of year," Jeff told me a day after the trip. "And I had hooks designed for wacky-rigging but I didn't want to take the chance of him losing them.

"My brother-in-law was happy to get the orange ZinkerZ," Jeff said, "because it matched his rod and reel."

So Jeff went to the hump and started throwing some of his favorite lures, while bro-in-law tossed the orange ZinkerZ and let it settle to the bottom.

"He started reeling real slow and thought he had a bunch of weeds – except all of a sudden those 'weeds' pulled back," Jeff said.

It ended up being a bass that was 19 inches long – a real dandy of the sort any angler would like to catch in a tourney.

"Then he caught another one, and then two more, all on that ugly orange worm thing," Jeff said. "Meanwhile, I'm not catching anything, no matter what I throw. All four of those fish were between 18 and 19 inches long – and he lost a much bigger one, a real hog, right at the boat. That one was probably better than 5 pounds."

To add one more jab into Jeff's spirit, Alphonse caught a 16.75-incher right in front of the ramp when they readied to pull out two hours later.

Tuesday night, at the tournament, Jeff gave me one of the orange ZinkerZs and I hooked it right in the middle, wacky style, on a weighted swimbait hook I'd bought on my way to the ramp.

I caught four keepers on it, including a 15-incher the flopped off my measuring board and back into the lake before I could take its picture with my phone. In our kayak tournaments, we measure and photograph the fish, letting them go immediately after they've been photographed.

Jeff tried an identical rig, but didn't catch fish until he switched from the orange stick worm to a green one in which he had more confidence.

Neither Jeff nor I finished close to cashing a check.

The tournament was won with 72.5 inches, and the big fish was 16 inches long. If Alphonse had caught his fish during the tournament, he would have won it with 90.75 inches and his smallest fish would have claimed the big fish prize.

So orange soft plastic stickbaits wacky-rigged on 5/0, weighted swimbait hooks still looks like something that would never work, but the combo is now in my summer arsenal. And I owe that to a guy who didn't even get pictures with his impressive fish because Jeff was too busy taking them off the hook for him.

A moral to the story? Let that know-nothing brother-in-law come with you and have him cast something that you would never try. It just might catch some fish.

An orange ZinkerZ on a big, weighted swimbait hook looks like something that would never catch a fish. A brother-in-law who doesn't know what he's doing can prove that it does – in a big way.

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NOW $23,921

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20138

NOW $19,305

2018 HONDA CR-V EXL AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black C20197A

NOW $26,182

2014 FORD FUSION TITANIUM

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 185K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, Tuxedo Black U20085A

NOW $8,905

2015 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT Z-71 CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Cd-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White C19234A

NOW $29,282

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20118

NOW $19,898

2009 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LIMITED

4.0 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 156K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Light Sandstone C19300A

NOW $6,854

2017 RAM 1500 SLT BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

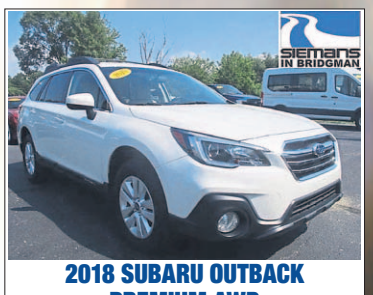
5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 34K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Maximum Steel U20120

NOW $32,107

2009 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED 4X4

3.5 EFI V6 Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 149K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue F20103A

NOW $11,962



2018 SUBARU OUTBACK PREMIUM AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal White U20148

NOW $22,896

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 12K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20143

NOW $23,928

2011 TOYOTA SIENNA LIMITED AWD

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NOW $12,892

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Light Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20141

NOW $23,717

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NOW $22,887

2019 RAM 1500 BIG HORN LONESTAR CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheels, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright White

NOW $39,308

2016 FORD EXPLORER LIMITED 4X4

2.3 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 76K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, 3rd Row Power Fold Seats, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Magnetic

NOW $24,574

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2018 JEEP WRANGLER JK SPORT 4X4

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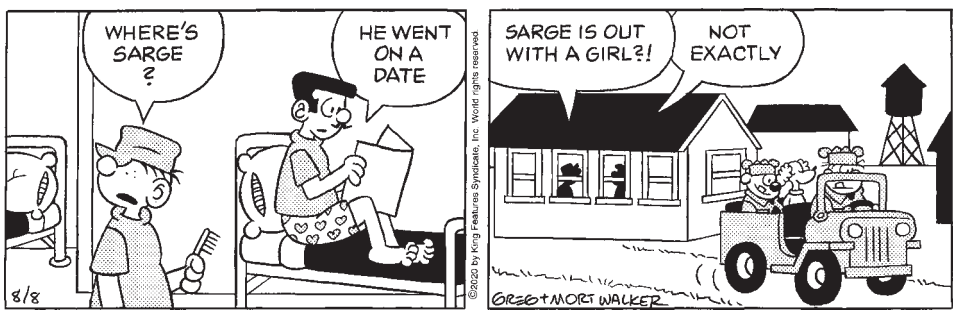
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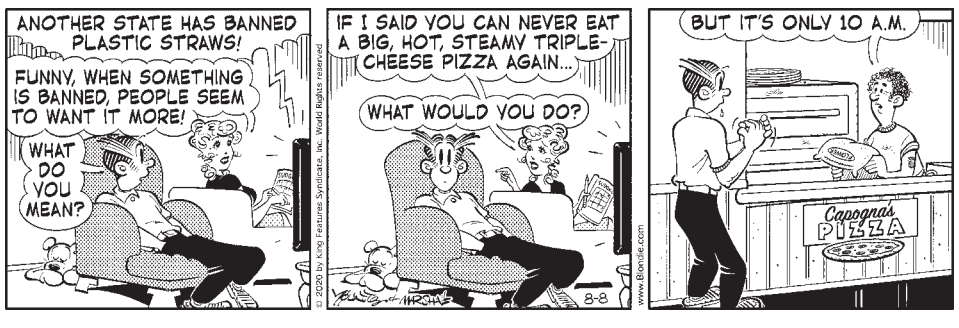
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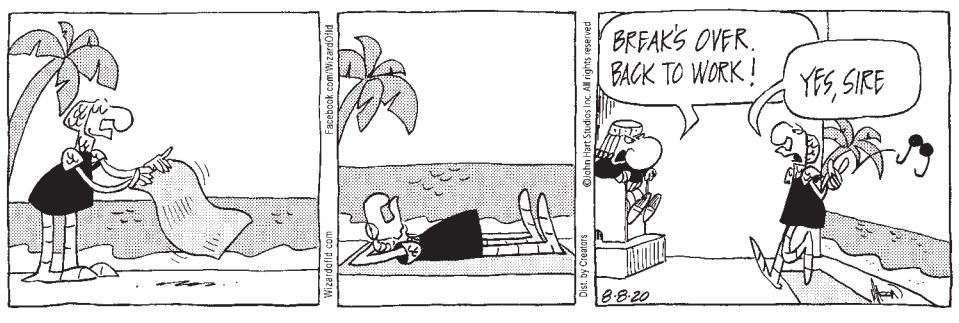

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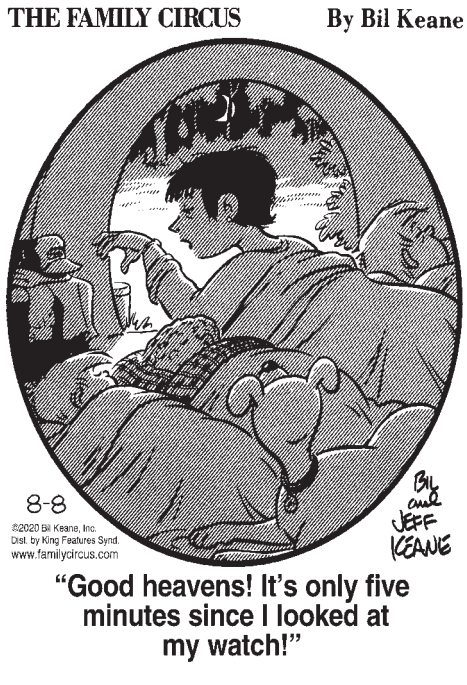
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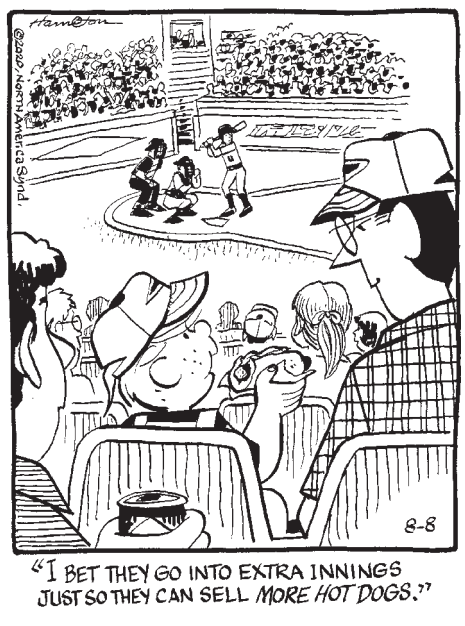
"Good heavens! It's only five minutes since I looked at my watch!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



BABY BLUES

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US THAT SCHOOL IS STARTING EARLY??
AAAAUGH!
BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO LISTEN TO YOU FREAK OUT ALL MONTH.
WHO'S FREAKING OUT?
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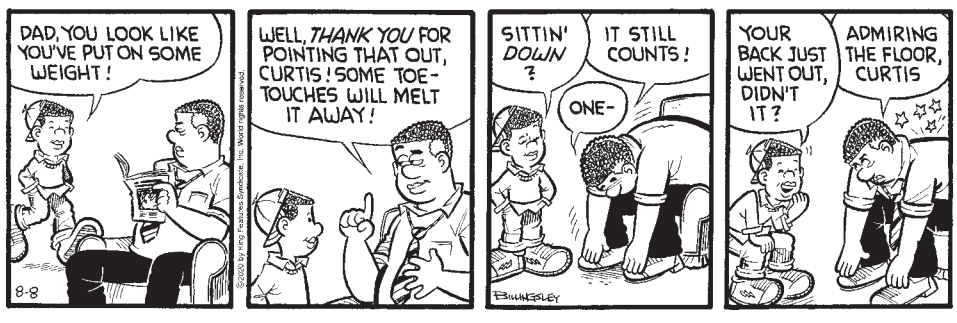
CURTIS


DAD, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE PUT ON SOME WEIGHT!
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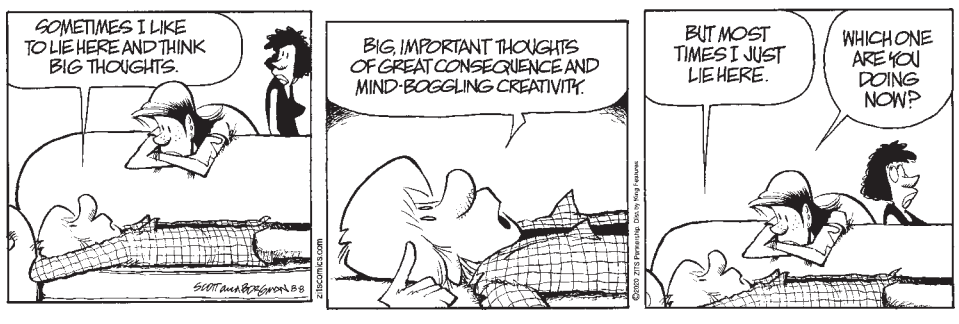
WELL, THANK YOU FOR POINTING THAT OUT, CURTIS! SOME TOE-TOUCHES WILL MELT IT AWAY!
SITTIN' DOWN ?
IT STILL COUNTS!
ONE-
YOUR BACK JUST WENT OUT, DIDN'T IT?
ADMIRING THE FLOOR, CURTIS

ZITS


SOMETIMES I LIKE TO LIE HERE AND THINK BIG THOUGHTS.
BIG, IMPORTANT THOUGHTS OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE AND MIND-BOGGLING CREATIVITY.
BUT MOST TIMES I JUST LIE HERE.
WHICH ONE ARE YOU DOING NOW?
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

DOC, EVERY DAY I HAVE A SICK FEELING THAT I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A VIKING!
I'M SORRY, BUT THERE IS NO PILL THAT WILL GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE!
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT WILL WEAKEN MY CONSCIENCE?!
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MADAM, ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR MENU?
Menu
YES, HOW COME THERE AREN'T ANY PRICES ON IT?
WE DIDN'T WANT TO RUIN YOUR APPETITE
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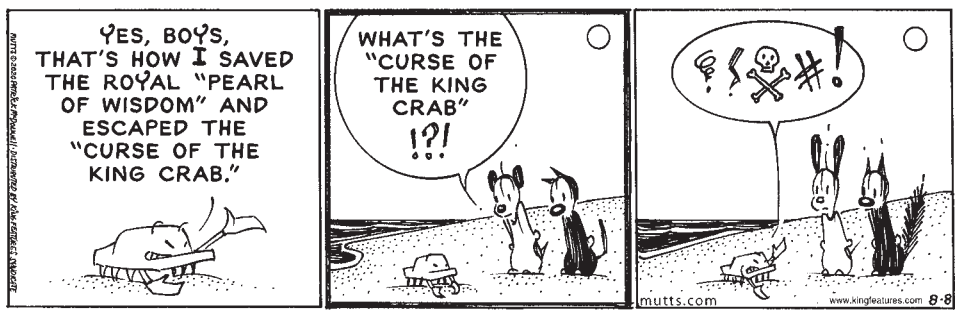
YES, BOYS, THAT'S HOW I SAVED THE ROYAL "PEARL OF WISDOM" AND ESCAPED THE "CURSE OF THE KING CRAB."
WHAT'S THE "CURSE OF THE KING CRAB" !?!
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SALLY FORTH

IS SOMETHING ELSE ON YOUR MIND, SAL?
IT'S THAT MEMORY I HAD OF MY DAD ...
KEEFE
WHAT IF MY DAD DID KNOW HE WAS DYING AND NEVER TOLD US? WHAT IF MOM KNEW AND SHE STILL HASN'T TOLD US? HOW CAN I CONFRONT HER ABOUT IT?
8-8
SAME WAY ANYONE CONFRONTS A FAMILY MEMBER – AFTER THREE GLASSES OF WINE AT THANKSGIVING DINNER.
DEPENDS. IF IT'S AT OUR HOUSE I'M TRAPPED. IF IT'S AT JACKIE'S I CAN LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.
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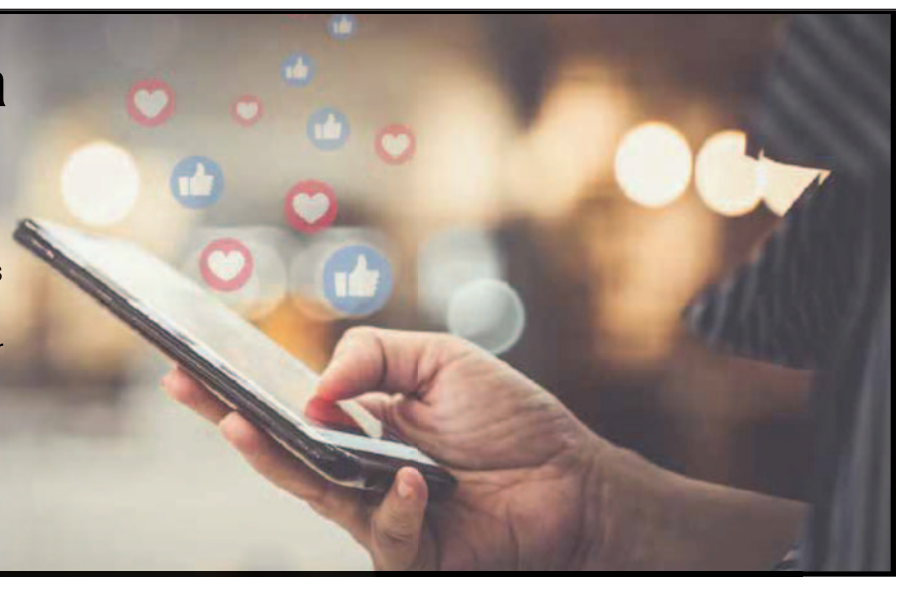

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Requirements include a High School Diploma, or equivalent, supplemented by college or trades-level coursework in construction, construction management or a related field, minimum 2-year degree preferred.

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State of Michigan registered Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer is desired, or the ability to obtain within 6 months of date of hire. ICC certification as a Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer desired.

Please submit your resume to the City of St. Joseph, Personnel Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 or to lmoore@sjcity.com. Application and full job description is also available online at www.sjcity.com. Deadline is Friday, August 14, 2020.

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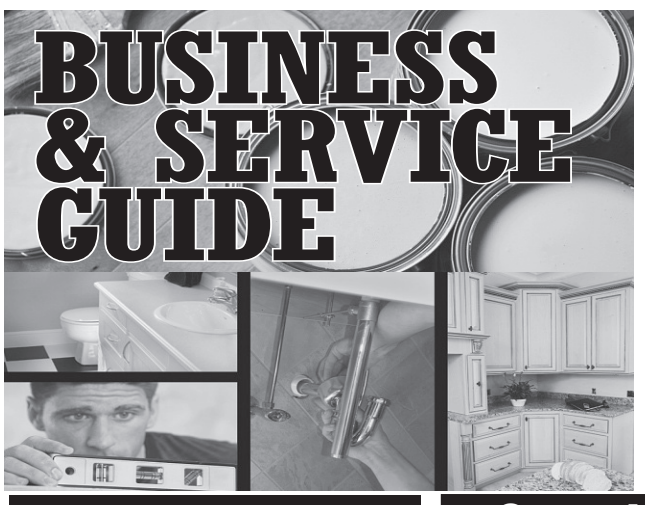

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Observe others, and make safe decisions regarding your health, finances and personal life. A wrong move will set you back a long way, making it crucial that you don't make impulsive decisions or let someone act on your behalf. Let your intuition and your conscience be your guide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Find an outlet that encourages fitness. A mental or physical competition will lift your spirits and give you the boost you need to make a personal adjustment. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Learn from experience, and you'll recognize who you can rely on. A move will remind you of the pastimes and people who make you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Distance yourself from those putting demands on you. Share your feelings and intentions with someone who makes your heart skip a beat. Avoid impulsive expenditures and premature moves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make sure you choose words that express precisely what you mean or how you feel. You may desire change, but before you jump from one thing to another, find out exactly what's entailed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Plan the changes you want to make, set a budget and stick to it. An impulsive purchase will lead to unnecessary worry. Moderation, discipline and well-thought-out plans will lead to success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A lifestyle change isn't likely to sit well with those you live with or near. Get approval before you start a new project.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Consider your options and how you can mix work with pleasure and come out on top. Make decisions and adjustments based on your needs. Someone's motives will not be genuine.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Aim to please, but not at the expense of losing sight of your goals. Someone will ask for too much or try to coerce you into something you shouldn't do. Be on guard.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Concentrate on what matters to you, and make a point to gather information that can help you make the necessary adjustments to protect you from costly setbacks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once you have everything in place, you can show off what you've accomplished. A personal adjustment will give you the confidence to enforce additional change. One step at a time will lead to success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your quick wit and insight into something that interests you will encourage others to jump on board and support your efforts. Follow the rules and regulations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you try to control situations, you'll end up arguing instead of getting things done. Go it alone; a joint venture will limit what you can accomplish.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Apply your skills to the things you enjoy doing most. Question what you are doing with your life and what you can do to achieve peace of mind and the happiness you desire. Life is about choices and being true to your beliefs. Discuss your thoughts with someone you love, and you'll come up with a workable plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Challenge what's being offered, and don't be afraid to take a different path. Protect against loss, interference and poor decisions. Be responsible, and control your destiny.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Update records, passwords and other essential matters in your life. Unexpected information will leave you at odds about a decision you need to make. Surprise everyone with an innovative change of plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do your best to get along, but not at the expense of letting someone get away with something that might damage your position, reputation or relationship. Set the record straight, and carry on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do your own thing. A partnership will need an adjustment if you plan to engage in future dealings. Listen, observe and consider your options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Physical challenges will fire you up and boost your morale. Refuse to let someone impede your plans for adventure and excitement. If someone doesn't want to join in, be prepared to venture out on your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Remind negative people of life's pleasures. Get involved in activities that make you happy. Peace, love and romance will enhance your day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Discuss your ideas and plans, and the input you receive will pump you up and move you forward. An interesting suggestion will help you develop a new way to market what you have to offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Being pushed in a new direction will end up being beneficial, so stop fighting the inevitable. A personal change at home is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Refuse to let anger consume you when you should be focusing on how to move forward. Don't let emotions impose on your future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your accomplishment will turn out well with or without the person you expected to be there for you. Emotions will surface if someone heads in a different direction. Continue alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A surprise will have an impact on the people you love. Set your course, and pursue what makes you happy. Don't venture off your chosen path.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't feel obligated to follow in someone's footsteps if you don't share the same beliefs or interests. You are better off exploring what make you happy.

CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers C5

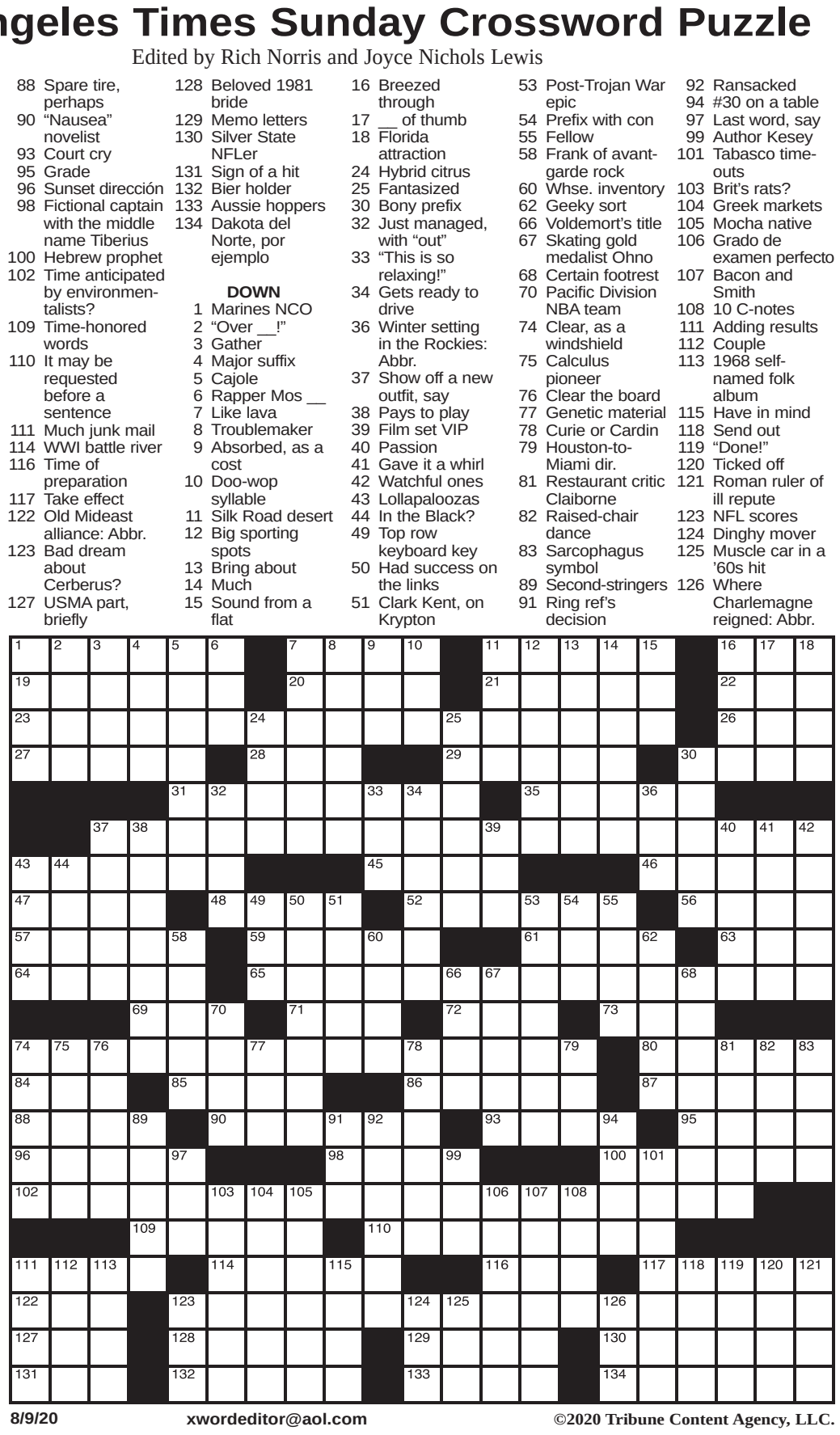
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"OPENING ACT"
By PAM AMICK KLAWITTER

ACROSS
1 Savvy
7 Degrees for corp. execs
11 Grates on
16 Couples' refuge?
19 Come to a boil
20 __ of office
21 They have Mystery and Birthday Cake varieties
22 It's tipped in a parlor
23 Appreciative freeloaders?
26 English cathedral town
27 Early mobile home?
28 Merged telecom co.
29 Brie coverings
30 Poems that glorify
31 Entrust, as authority
35 Little bitty bits
37 World conference participants?
43 Platte River valley native
45 Spherical opening?
46 Crews of "America's Got Talent"
47 "__ something I said?"
48 __ set
52 Bad way to come on
56 Garfield's foil
57 1993 Oscar nominee Rosie
59 Longtime SeaWorld star
61 Proof of ownership
63 'Neath opposite
64 Taco topping
65 "There's snowplace like home" or "I only have ice for you"?
69 FedEx alternative
71 NFL's Gronk and others
72 Special __
73 Vietnam holiday
74 Writing that's both flowery and thoughtful?
80 Sketch starter
84 U.K. locale
85 Tolstoy title name
86 Goofs around
87 B in chemistry
88 Spare tire, perhaps
90 "Nausea" novelist
93 Court cry
95 Grade
96 Sunset dirección
98 Fictional captain with the middle name Tiberius
100 Hebrew prophet
102 Time anticipated by environmentalists?
109 Time-honored words
110 It may be requested before a sentence
111 Much junk mail
114 WWI battle river
116 Time of preparation
117 Take effect
122 Old Mideast alliance: Abbr.
123 Bad dream about Cerberus?
127 USMA part, briefly
128 Beloved 1981 bride
129 Memo letters
130 Silver State NFLer
131 Sign of a hit
132 Bier holder
133 Aussie hoppers
134 Dakota del Norte, por ejemplo

DOWN
1 Marines NCO
2 "Over __!"
3 Gather
4 Major suffix
5 Cajole
6 Rapper Mos __
7 Like lava
8 Troublemaker
9 Absorbed, as a cost
10 Doo-wop syllable
11 Silk Road desert
12 Big sporting spots
13 Bring about
14 Much
15 Sound from a flat
16 Breezed through
17 __ of thumb
18 Florida attraction
24 Hybrid citrus
25 Fantasized
30 Bony prefix
32 Just managed, with "out"
33 "This is so relaxing!"
34 Gets ready to drive
36 Winter setting in the Rockies: Abbr.
37 Show off a new outfit, say
38 Pays to play
39 Film set VIP
40 Passion
41 Gave it a whirl
42 Watchful ones
43 Lollapaloozas
44 In the Black?
49 Top row keyboard key
50 Had success on the links
51 Clark Kent, on Krypton
53 Post-Trojan War epic
54 Prefix with con
55 Fellow
58 Frank of avant-garde rock
60 Whse. inventory
62 Geeky sort
66 Voldemort's title
67 Skating gold medalist Ohno
68 Certain footrest
70 Pacific Division NBA team
74 Clear, as a windshield
75 Calculus pioneer
76 Clear the board
77 Genetic material
78 Curie or Cardin
79 Houston-to-Miami dir.
81 Restaurant critic Claiborne
82 Raised-chair dance
83 Sarcophagus symbol
89 Second-stringers
91 Ring ref's decision
92 Ransacked
94 #30 on a table
97 Last word, say
99 Author Kesey
101 Tabasco time-outs
103 Brit's rats?
104 Greek markets
105 Mocha native
106 Grado de examen perfecto
107 Bacon and Smith
108 10 C-notes
111 Adding results
112 Couple
113 1968 self-named folk album
115 Have in mind
118 Send out
119 "Done!"
120 Ticked off
121 Roman ruler of ill repute
123 NFL scores
124 Dinghy mover
125 Muscle car in a '60s hit
126 Where Charlemagne reigned: Abbr.



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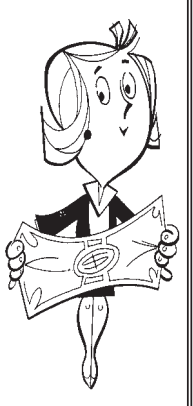

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SIEMANS IN BRIDGMAN

BUILT Ford PROUD

2020 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT VAN

FROZEN WHITE METALLIC, REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER, FIXED REAR GLASS, CRUISE CONTROL POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, SWING OUT REAR DOORS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, FORD PASS CONNECT, AND MUCH MORE! F20008

MSRP	$27,240
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,495
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500

SALE PRICE* $24,245

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2019 FORD MUSTANG

NEED FOR GREEN, 2.3 ECOBOOST ENGINE, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, OVER-THE-TOP RACING STRIPE, 18 INCH LOW GLOSS BLACK ALUMINUM WHEELS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! F19280

MSRP	$29,855
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,610
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750

SALE PRICE* $23,995

2019 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4

RACE RED, MAGNETIC ACCENT, REMOTE START, HEATED SEATS, 2.7 ECOBOOST ENGINE, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, NAVIGATION, LOCKING REAR AXLE, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, AND MUCH MORE! F19452

MSRP	$49,685
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 10,690

SALE PRICE* $38,995

2020 FORD ECOSPORT 4X4 SE

SHADOW BLACK, ALUMINUM WHEELS, REMOTE START, FOG LAMPS, POWER MOONROOF, POWER SEAT, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! F20128

MSRP	$26,540
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 318
FORD BONUS CASH	- 500
FORD RETAIL CASH	- 4,500
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 500

SALE PRICE* $20,722

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4

ICONIC SILVER, 2.7 ECOBOOST ENGINE, XLT CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, LOCKING REAR AXLE, NAVIGATION, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, REMOTE START, TRAILER HITCH AND MUCH MORE! F20112

LEASE FOR $199 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,900 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 08/31/20

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AGATE BLACK METALLIC, SANDSTONE LEATHER INTERIOR, 3.0 ECOBOOST ENGINE, 21 INCH PREMIUM ALUMINUM WHEELS, PREMIUM TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE, HANDS FREE LIFTGATE, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, POWER FOLD THIRD SEAT, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, CO-PILOT 360 ASSIST, NAVIGATION, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! F20044

LEASE FOR $499 PER MONTH*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $4,200 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 08/31/20

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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE PACKAGE 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, POWER SUNROOF, 9 AMPLIFIED SPEAKERS WITH SUBWOOFER, PREMIUM LIGHTING GROUP, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, POWER LIFTGATE, 20 INCH GLOSS BLACK ALUMINUM WHEELS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20047

MSRP	$44,570
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,825
REBATE	- 2,750
GREAT LAKES FAST START BONUS CASH (EXPIRES 8/17/20)	- 500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$38,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $37,495

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 RAM PROMASTER 1500 HIGH ROOF DEMO

BRIGHT WHITE, INTERIOR CONVENIENCE GROUP, POWER FOLDING/ HEATED MIRRORS, SPEED CONTROL, PARK SENSE REAR PARK ASSIST SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! C20070

MSRP	$36,670
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 2,925
REBATE	- 1,000
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT*	- 1,000
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$29,995
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $28,995

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 DODGE JOURNEY

VICE WHITE, 3RD ROW SEATING, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, PARK SENSE REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MUCH MORE! C20139

MSRP	$24,990
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 500
REBATE	- 2,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$21,240
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $20,240

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2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN

DELMONICO RED, 5.7 HEMI V8, ANTI SPIN REAR AXLE, REAR POWER SLIDING WINDOW, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, AND MUCH MORE! C20129

LEASE FOR $239/MO*

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LEASE FOR $239/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,200 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 08/31/20

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

HYDRO BLUE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20043

LEASE FOR $259/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 08/31/20

2020 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4

BLACK, 6.4 V8 ENGINE, HEAVY DUTY SNOW PLOW PREP PACKAGE, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER, TOUCH SCREEN AND MUCH MORE! C20140

MSRP	$44,725
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,500
RAM ENGINE BONUS CASH	- 500
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$40,475
MILIARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $39,475

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 RAM 5500 4X4 FLATBED WITH HOIST

BRIGHT WHITE, 6.7 CUMMINS TURBO DIESEL, TUBULAR SIDE STEPS, REAR SLIDING WINDOW, AISIN TRANSMISSION, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, 16 FOOT FLATBED PLATFORM BODY WITH DOUBLE ACTING SCISSOR HOIST, BULKHEAD, UNDERBED TOOL BOX AND MUCH MORE! C20146

MSRP	$57,910
ADD FOR PLATFORM BODY	+10,863
SUBTOTAL	$68,773
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,278
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT UPFIT*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE	$63,245
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $62,245

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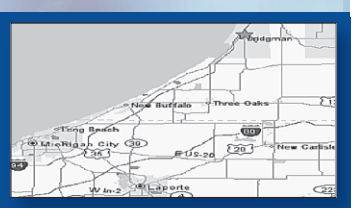

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Hi, I'm internet handy

I'm what you'd call "internet handy."

I look pretty handy on the internet, but in real life, I'm much less useful than some people probably think I am.

Andy Steinke

Every so often, I'll post the results of a home or restoration project on Facebook or my blog, and others will comment on how good it looks.

I just see all the things I screwed up: the small scratch in the wood, the not-quite-perfect paint job, the slightly crooked bench leg.

Last weekend, for example, I installed a couple of ceiling fans in my house. It's a fairly simple job if you know how to turn off a breaker and twist wire nuts. But if you haven't done it before, as I hadn't before last weekend, you might think I know a thing or two about electrical work.

I don't. My dad was the master electrician and all-around Renaissance man. Not me.

That's the thing about the internet, whether intentional or not, you can portray yourself as someone you're not.

And I hope that's the case for some of our Facebook commenters. I pray they are kinder, more understanding, more open-minded people in person than they are behind their keyboards.

Our stories last week on the proposed Black Lives Matter mural in St. Joseph and the "Back the Blue" rally, also in St. Joseph, drew strong reactions from both sides.

I was left to wonder: Do people really think Black Lives Matter is a racist, anti-police, radical, divisive, Marxist movement? Do they think all supporters of law enforcement are "bootlickers"? Or is it just easier to spew hatred online than it is to have an actual conversation about tough issues?

Whether they truly believe what they type or not, there are other people out there reading their comments – including some of us who read all of their comments.

The comment section is often known as Wild West of the internet, but at The Herald-Palladium, we want to keep the conversation civilized.

We review all Facebook comments, and filter out posts with profanity, crudeness, threats and personal attacks on other commenters. We want the comment section to be a place where you can go to discuss the issues impacting our community. And if you can't abide by the rules, you'll be barred from commenting.

Do we always succeed in our goal? No. We can't actively monitor comments 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We have to sleep, too.

So if you see a comment that violates our commenting policy, report it. It helps us find those comments faster, especially on posts with hundreds of responses.

The comment section is what you make it. If we ignore it, it will become the cesspool for which it's notorious. If we nurture it, it can be a place where real discussions can take place.

We have a lot of important issues, locally and nationally, that need to be solved. Let's all strive to do it in a civilized manner.

Andy Steinke is features editor at The Herald-Palladium. Email him at asteinke@TheHP.com. Follow him on Twitter @Decoding Dadhood.

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In an attempt to feel like a real farmer, I tilled rows into my backyard. Seen here are rows of sunflowers, herbs, peppers, basil and root vegetables.

QUARANTINE GARDENING:
Lessons from a first-time gardener

By RYAN YUENGER
HP Staff

If there's been a positive to take away from the COVID-19 pandemic, it's that many people are now taking a closer look at how, and where, they get their food.

With big box grocery stores a source of potential virus danger, farmers have seen an increase in demand for locally grown produce. Likewise, home gardens have emerged like molehills from the soil.

Not long into my state-mandated isolation, cabin fever took hold. The only way to quell it was yard work. But it wasn't until I was clearing a fallen tree from a patch of wild black raspberries that I thought to join the trend and put Southwest Michigan's fertile soil to good use.

After months of tilling, sowing, weeding, watering and protecting, my quarantine garden – my Quarden, if you will – was up and running.

I've successfully harvested dill, basil, cilantro, carrots, potatoes, kale, one cucumber and 54 mosquito bites.

I'm not sure why the saying "you reap what you sow" is always used in a negative context, because when I literally reaped what I sowed, it felt excellent. Even the bug bites make me feel like a real farmer.

Sunflowers and marigolds attract pollinators with their colorful blooms, and watching my new friends grow has injected bursts of color into the dark void that is life in 2020.

Not only have I retained most of my sanity tending my Quarden, I have enriched my body and mind amid the current state of extreme cultural tension.

With that, I'd like to share some of the lessons I've learned as a first-time Quardener.

New seedlings for a fall harvest emerge from the soil.

Dill, potatoes, corn, kale and basil make for a nice Wednesday harvest.

Sunflowers bask in the afternoon sun.

Grow from seed

As someone without children, I can confidently say watching a plant germinate and grow from seed is the exact same thing as raising human children – only cheaper and quieter.

To sow my seeds, I used the Johnny Appleseed method: sprinkle seeds everywhere, and see what sprouts.

In some cases, the seeds won't germinate. This is merely an opportunity for problem solving. What went wrong? Time to find some solutions.

There is an organic solution

There are more organic remedies to plant problems than you can shake a stick at, but some are more effective than others.

Got bugs? There's an essential oil for that. Got mildew? Some household milk or baking soda could help. Nitrogen deficiency? Toss some used coffee grounds in the soil.

I don't claim to have all the answers, nor can I attest to the scientific merits of each solution, but I do know it feels good to try to cure my children's ailments naturally.

Plants are people, too

When a person gets sick, the underlying cause is almost always present before symptoms appear. The same goes for plants.

If you're seeing powdery mildew, or any other type of fungus, it almost certainly was there long before it reared its ugly head. It's best to use preventative measures

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Inside
A bumper crop of home gardens blossoms amid a pandemic. **Page D3**

Reflecting on five surreal months

The more things change, the more things change.

Pat Arter
Generations

I am struggling just a bit with where I find myself right now. It's been almost five months since we all had to turn our lives on a dime and make adjustments we couldn't have imagined.

The immediate priority was to make arrangements to work from home. We didn't have time to think about it, we just made it happen. And while we had some bugs to work out, we were all able to take care of our business with relative ease.

It came to our attention at the Area Agency on Aging that, as a result of COVID-19, many community issues became more prevalent, and our neighbors needed our help more than ever.

We were able to ramp up new initiatives to address food insecurities and help reduce isolation and loneliness among seniors in our region, among others.

We were all so busy we didn't have time to think about how strange this time really was.

When we did finally find a moment to just breathe, everything felt so surreal. Roads were empty, business were closed, and neighborhoods were quiet.

My focus was wavering and, off and on, it has been difficult to stay on task. In those moments I reach out to a colleague, talk it through, and then we move on with renewed strength, almost normal-like.

My husband is still working full time at his place of business, and as a couple, we've had to make some adjustments. He had to learn that just because I'm in the family room, it does not mean it's family time. If we met in the living room, then it meant I was available to chat. Sometimes we actually get to have lunch together, which is a treat.

There are a couple of good things that have come from this strange time. One is that I love my commute to work – bed to coffee maker to the family room. Who wouldn't love that?

The other good change is how little money we're spending these days. I've only had to put gas in my truck once!

And the take-out! Normally someone at the office would inevitably run out for lunch many days of the week, and my husband and I would go out for dinner a couple times a week. Now, while we have still ordered take-out once in a while, our entertainment budget has become a new savings account.

On the flip side, my refrigerator and microwave are just a little too close to my "office" now.

So, not much is normal. Mostly I'm OK with that. I've been able to tend my

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PET OF THE WEEK

Soto is full of sweetness despite growing up a nomad within a shelter system. Along with his love, he'll bring enthusiasm, the ability to sit, house-trained manners, treat motivation to learn, a pleasure for running, and thanks for giving him a chance. Good in a home with children, this 1 1/2-year-old prefers to be the only pet. He is neutered and current on shots. To help this diamond in the "ruff," contact Berrien County Animal Control at 927-5648.

COUPLES

WEDDING

Hartzler Whitehead

Katie Lynn Hartzler and Benjamin Sol Whitehead were married July 18, 2020, at The Chapel in St. Joseph. The Rev. Phil Bubar officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Tina Hartzler of Bridgman. The groom is the son of Mick Whitehead and Karleen Stover of St. Joseph.

Autumn Wise was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Cienna Wales, Laurel Whitehead and Gabriella Worden.

Sam Whitehead was best man. Groomsmen were Max Whitehead, Abe Whitehead and Cody Hartzler.

A reception was held at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center in St. Joseph.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple is making their home in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The bridge is a graduate of Bridgman High School and Grand Valley State University.

The groom is a Lakeshore High School graduate, and is an Army ROTC cadet at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

Wendzel honors family of future naval officer

ISHMAEL

LANSING — State Rep. Pauline Wendzel, R-Watervliet, recently honored the family of Coloma High School graduate Ian Ishmael with a U.S. flag that had flown over the state Capitol.

Ishmael is the fourth student in the history of Coloma High School to be appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"It was an incredibly special day when I was able to pin my sister after she earned her commission in the U.S. Air Force, and I'm excited for the journey Ian and his family are about to begin," Wendzel said in a news release. "This flag is a symbol of Ian's incredible accomplishment, and I know his family and community are beyond proud."

The flag was flown over the Capitol the day Ian took his oath to serve our country, July 18.

"Nothing we do will ever be enough, but this is another small way I can honor one of my constituents who has chosen to serve our country," Wendzel said.

BAZAARS

COLOMA: The Auxiliary for American Legion Post 362, 351 E. St. Joseph St., will host a yard sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 22. Ten-by-10-foot spaces are available for rent for $10. Six-foot tables are available to rent, while supplies last, for $2 each. Setup starts at 7 a.m. To reserve a spot, call 325-2865. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available for $3.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows are published Saturdays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofits that want to be included should email a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to focus@TheHP.com.

GENERATIONS

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garden, or just run out to the garden and grab some newly ripe tomatoes any time I want. We're still feeding birds and have even doubled our bird feeders so we can see more varieties. That's been great.

One thing that is a bit unsettling is the loss of our "friends" time. Everyone is being careful, thankfully, but that means we're not together, laughing, playing cards or enjoying meals together. Yes, we can talk and video chat, but it doesn't feel the same.

I miss the hugs, the nudges, the smiles. Even when we have met with friends at a place with outdoor seating and plenty of space, it's still not the same. Everyone is a bit tentative and reserved.

I expect that many of you are experiencing similar moments, similar feelings. It is reassuring to talk to others and know you're not alone in your feelings. We may not experience things at the same time, but we can relate to one another.

Everyone is trying to find their focus and carry on as best as they can. We take care of our families, go to work, watch out for our neighbors and find joy in the positive things in our lives.

And when the next change comes, and you know it will, we will face it with a strong will, a happy heart and a giving soul. Because after all, we are all in this thing together.

No matter what changes come, together is a good place to be.

Pat Arter is senior volunteer program director of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

What more are we to do?

Linda Gunter
Insights

In the Insights column I wrote in May, I contemplated the desires of so many people to "get back to normal" and reflected on what our "new normal" might be like.

In May, many of us didn't think we would still be experiencing the continuing surges of COVID-19 and related deaths. In early May when I wrote my article, we were saddened and shocked that we were approaching 100,000 deaths in the United States.

Today as I write this, we have had more than 160,000 deaths in the U.S., and more than 715,000 deaths worldwide.

What more are we to do as day by day the number of people infected continues to increase?

Although the pandemic has occupied much of our awareness, and changed the way we interact with each other, we have had other major issues getting our attention, too.

The effects of systemic racism in our country have intensified. Those who believe white people are the supreme race, those who believe anyone in the LGBTQ community is a sinner, those who minimize the value of women, those who believe their religion or spiritual path is the only right way have come out more boldly.

What more are we to do as we witness the judgments, hostility and even violence to those who are most affected?

Are we to judge those who are judging others? Are we to respond with violence to those who are acting out in violence? Are we to stereotype the people who we observe to be stereotyping others? Are we to hate those who are hating others? Are we to focus on *why* these issues have intensified, and look for the blame, or are we to ask *what* we can change in ourselves related to our own thinking and actions? What changes in us, when instead of asking why all of this is happening *to* us, we ask why all of this is happening *for* us?

I first really heard the power of this question while listening to a podcast in which Damien Echols shared his experience of being in prison for 18 years for a crime he didn't commit – eight of those years in solitary confinement. He was repeatedly beaten and abused, yet he concluded this experience happened *for* him and not *to* him.

He said, "I was living like a monk in a monastery, dedicating my life to learning and growing." He ultimately wrote a book, "High Magick: A Guide to the Spiritual Practices That Saved My Life on Death Row."

He was eventually released when evidence was found that proved he wasn't guilty. He now has devoted his life to showing others how to live in peace and love.

When we look at the many people who have come to teach us through time, we see the teaching is the same – choose peace and choose love, no matter what is happening to us or others. Choosing peace and love may seem naïve and a cop-out to having the courage to "fight back," but when we look closer, we see that committing to peace and love means we find a way to let our voice and our actions create "good trouble" as Rep. John Lewis so often said.

Lewis reminds us, "You are a light. You are a light. Never let anyone – any person or any force – dampen, dim or diminish your light. ... Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart."

Mahatma Gandhi said, "An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind."

Nelson Mandela said, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way lays defeat and death."

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

I don't presume to have all the answers to the issues we are facing in our world, but I do know I am called to peace and love. I am called to peacefully stand with those oppressed and judged, and to find a way to also stand with those I find myself identifying as the oppressors and judgers.

I am called to learn as much as I can about the issues at hand so my head, heart and spirit can work in concert for peace and justice.

Yes, the pandemic, the injustices I see related to race, gender, spiritual practices, sexual preferences, economic status and political divisiveness are happening *for* me so I can learn, grow and experience even more deeply what it's like to let peace that passes understanding and love that knows no conditions, fill my being.

I know deep within that peace begins with me.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Linda Gunter, an ordained interfaith minister. She retired as the CEO of Peace Village, and is the former CEO of Hospice at Home in Southwest Michigan. She has been a guest minister at churches throughout Southwest Michigan. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, will hold it baccalaureate service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. The church will recognize members who are 2020 graduates and continuing education students. Scholarships will be awarded. Youngstown University grad Krystan Robinson will speak. COVID-19 precautions will be enforced. The service also will be livestreamed on the church's YouTube page. The church will hold a registration for its 2021 VBS from 6-8 p.m. Monday in the church parking lot. Book bags will be given to children, and there will be door prizes for adults. Refreshments will be served. Census volunteers will be onsite to assist with Census forms. For questions, call 926-8191.

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has returned to in-person worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has returned to its regular service schedule for in-person services, with precautions in place. Services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays, and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. It will continue to livestream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages at 8 a.m. Sundays. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

The Shore Church, 623 Church St., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 208-3844.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. See its COVID-19 policies online at www.peacelutheranstjoe.org. The church will continue to stream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 11:10 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 429-1985 or visit pilgrimstjoe.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will hold an outdoor service, weather permitting, at 9 a.m. Sunday. Attendees are asked to bring a chair. The church also will hold a 10 a.m. Sunday service on its Facebook page.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures should include names of those shown. Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email to focus@TheHP.com. Announcements should include a daytime telephone number.

VOLUNTEERS

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, Feeding America West Michigan developed the mobile food pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help, and give a smile to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

For upcoming mobile food pantry dates and locations, visit www.feedwm.org.

To volunteer, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Military Hero Care Network

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides critical services to military members, veterans and their families all over the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health screeners needed

The Berrien County Health Department needs support as it brings back services. The department has implemented a staff and client health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the check-in station at the main entrance of its Benton Harbor and Niles offices.

The station also provides face coverings/masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain appropriate social distancing from others and personal protective equipment will be provided by the department.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

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A bumper crop of home gardens blossoms amid a pandemic

By FRANK FITZPATRICK
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

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The National Garden Bureau website, ngb.org, offers tips on planning and starting your own home garden.

PHILADELPHIA — Antonio Luis thinks the idea might have come to him as he was drifting in and out of delirium while battling COVID-19 in Lankenau Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

When he left his hospital bed this spring, the 41-year-old primary care physician, who'd become a devoted urbanite despite growing up on a small Georgia horse farm, decided to plant a community garden on what had been an eyesore in Philadelphia.

"It was so therapeutic," Luis said. "Gardening got me outside, got me moving again after being intubated and spending 10 days in the hospital. It gives you something to look forward to. It reduces your anxiety. It lowers your stress level."

Lots of people are picking up the trowel these days. Like the emergence of colorful wildflowers in a vast field of drab weeds, home gardening has blossomed as a wildly popular and therapeutic pastime amid the colorless anxieties of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 21st century's iteration of World War II's ubiquitous Victory Gardens, these patches of vegetables, fruit and flowers seem to be blooming everywhere – on city lots, suburban backyards, condominium patios. And whether driven by a need for a physical and emotional tonic or simply by concerns about the quality and availability of food, tens of millions of Americans are happily getting their hands dirty.

No one knows how large this bump has been, but there almost certainly are millions more home-gardeners than in 2017, when a National Gardening Association survey found that about a third of U.S. households were growing food, either at home or in community gardens.

"For a long time, society has been so focused on technology that people really weren't looking at or appreciating nature," said Gary Altman, a Rutgers professor who teaches in the university's horticultural-therapy program. "The pandemic has forced a hard reset. It forced us to stop what we were doing and get out of our daily routine. A lot of people realized they'd been living stressful lives and this created an opportunity to reset."

In the resulting rush, horticultural companies across the nation have seen their seed inventories greatly diminished or wiped out. The chairman of Burpee Seeds, which has been supplying gardeners around the world for 144 years, called the demand "a tsunami."

"We're a seasonal business, so in the spring we're usually at the top of a bell curve," Burpee's George Ball said. "But this year, the length and size of that spike was something we couldn't fathom. It went straight up, way beyond our imagination. We underestimated the reaction of non-gardeners to being suddenly pent-up indoors."

When Penn State Extension developed a 10-week spring webinar to assist new and old home gardeners, administrators expected a few hundred enrollees. They got more than 3,000 from across North America.

"Some wanted to produce their own food. Some were concerned about the quality and safety of food. For others, it was recreational. They just needed to get outside for their physical and mental well-being," said Nancy Knauss, a master gardener coordinator for Penn State.

Luis' project started as a neighborhood cleanup before he fell ill. Using social networking, he asked neighbors to meet at the lots.

"We moved an old hot tub that had been there since 2014, and an abandoned car," Luis said. "Then, when I got back from the hospital, we continued working there. After we cleared all the rubble, we resoiled a lot of the area and planted a bunch of crops and wildflowers."

They planted peas, peppers, tomatoes, corn, watermelons, squash and a variety of flowers. As the flowers have grown and blossomed, the lot has turned into a go-to spot for parents looking for a way to occupy cooped-up children.

"They just come and go," Luis said. "Some people in the neighborhood just drop by to help. Somebody made us a raised garden bed. It's been great. I think all the neighbors have been appreciative."

The surge in these pandemic plots appears to be spanning demographic differences. The Penn State webinar enrollees were from cities, suburbs and rural areas. They hailed from 34 states and a few Canadian provinces. Their interests ranged from complex soil issues to novices asking how deep to bury seeds.

"A lot of people just wanted to know where they could get seeds because so many garden centers had sold out," Knauss said.

Ball, a past president of the American Horticultural Society, declined to provide sales data for the privately owned Burpee.

"But trust me, we got an enormous number of new gardeners," he said. "The uptick was a tsunami, a hurricane."

Vegetables and salad greens were the hottest sellers, he said. New gardeners were trying out everything in Burpee's catalog, while veterans stayed in their lane, buying in larger quantities and expanding their gardens.

According to Ball, the trend's scope grew apparent at the end of this warm winter, when sales and orders for the seeds the company grows around the world already were brisk.

"We were spiking before COVID, but we had no idea what was in store," he said. "I've been in the business for 40 years and I've never seen anything like it. You don't want to experience a windfall at the expense of others, but it's given us a different way of looking at reality."

Gardening's psychological benefits were apparent long before this pandemic. A 2005 study by Rutgers psychology professor Jeannette Haviland-Jones determined flowers produced immediate and long-term impacts on happiness.

"She discovered that flowers actually were equivalent to a mild antidepressant," Ball said. "More tangibly, the food you grow yourself has a higher nutrient level, a better taste. It's just a deeply satisfying hobby."

At some point, this pandemic will ebb, and some among this bumper crop of new gardeners inevitably will drift away.

"Will we see a repeat of this spring? Of course not," Ball said. "The game is figuring out how to guess the lasting effect. How many people will fall away after this year? But if this lingers – and we're still seeing it – this will transform American gardening. People will continue to learn that as a hobby, gardening is way up there."

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Cute cottage design

This graceful cottage plan offers plenty of thoughtful touches. A vaulted ceiling in the great room adds an extra dimension of space, while a walk-in pantry keeps groceries organized.

The generous master suite boasts a modern shower, soaking tub, dual sinks and a sizeable walk-in closet. We love the bench and hooks next to the laundry room.

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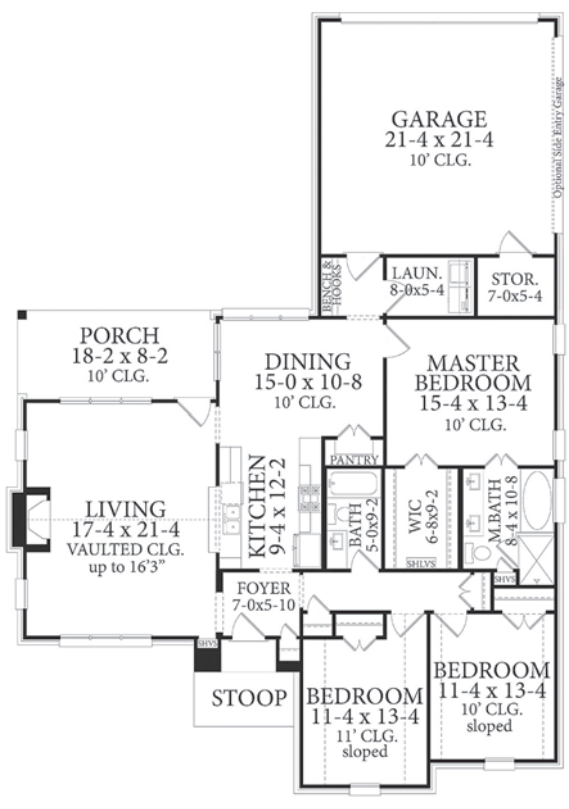

Design number: 406-9665
Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Square footage: 1,769
Dimensions: 51-feet by 71-feet-8-inches
Framing: 2-by-4

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A bee looks for pollen on a freshly-opened sunflower.

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to make sure everyone is healthy for the long haul.

Similarly, when you don't care for plants like you would a loved one, expect sadness in return.

There is such a thing as too much love

This lesson is always learned the hard way.

Too much water, and the roots will suffocate. Not enough space, uninvited pests and mold will thrive. Too much heat, that relationship wilts away. Too cold? Well, you get the picture.

When plants and wildlife become your best friends as well as your children in quarantine, it's easy to make these connections.

Many 'weeds' are good for the garden

Weeds can be your friends, too, if you let them into your heart.

Sure some weeds are toxic and others are invasive, but most just want the chance to help you grow some kale.

Letting clover, motherwort or any number of weeds grow as a cover crop can actually help by creating a layer of insulation in the cold months, and can be chopped and dropped as fertilizer later in the season.

Call me a rebel, but I believe it's time to take a stand. We need to rethink the negative stigma attached to words like "weeds." Woke-ism isn't just for politics, it's for the garden, too.

Fall is the new spring

About a month after the last frost, it seemed like temperatures were already approaching 90 degrees. This caused my row of cauliflower, a notoriously sensitive vegetable, to fail.

But even a failed crop can be mulched and provide a wealth of nutrients for the next round of crops.

In place of the cauliflower, I planted cold-tolerant Swiss chard, rutabaga, kohlrabi and turnip for what should be a nice fall harvest.

There are too many kinds of insects

Thrips, mites, flies, beetles, aphids, moths.

There are some insects beneficial to the garden. The rest need to stop it, like now. I can only afford so much yellow sticky paper.

Black walnuts are 2020 in a nutshell

Nothing says "2020" like getting hit on the head by a falling black walnut while removing another black walnut from the garden.

While there are many plants tolerant of juglone, the chemical produced by black walnuts, many others are intolerant. The falling walnuts present danger to the skull in the short term, but if one sneaks into a garden bed, it might cause problems down the road, too.

Much like the aftermath of a walnut to the head, we've all been taking our lumps in 2020.

With any luck, it will be next year soon. Until then, we've got to keep throwing those nuts back over the fence.

The squirrels will thank us later.

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hp SPORTS

Li at his best and builds early lead at PGA Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Charlie Riedel / AP

Li Haotong of China, hits from the fairway on the 10th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at TPC Harding Park on Friday in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO — Still young, often inconsistent, forever fearless, Li Haotong is capable of just about anything on a big stage in golf. He was at his best Friday in the PGA Championship.

Three years after his 63 in the final round of the British Open, Li hit only four fairways at Harding Park and still managed a 5-under 65 that gave him the early lead and set the target for Jason Day, Brooks Koepka and Tiger Woods to chase.

The 25-year-old from China capped a bogey-free round with his eighth straight par and was at 8-under 132, two shots ahead of Tommy Fleetwood of England among the early starters.

Surprised? Depends on the day.

"The last couple days, I've been pretty much all hit in the right spot," Li said.

Getting as much attention was the logo on his hat – WeChat, the Chinese social media company and one of his biggest sponsors. Li was in the spotlight at Harding Park one day after President Donald Trump signed executive orders on a vague ban of WeChat and TikTok in 45 days.

Just as unclear was whether Li was aware of the development.

"I don't know," he said. "Who knows?"

Li is a two-time winner on the European Tour, most recently in 2018 at the Dubai Desert Classic when he rallied down the stretch to beat Rory McIlroy by one shot.

He was sensational at Royal Birkdale in 2017 – only five other players have 63 in the final round of a major. But he had a terrible week in his Presidents Cup debut at Royal Melbourne in December. When he first came to America, he made fast friends on the developmental tours with his constant laughter, engaging personality and aggressive play.

"He's got the arsenal to take it low," said Adam Scott, his teammate at Royal Melbourne. "But we don't see that kind of consistency out of him, and that probably matches his personality a little bit. He's young, though, and that's the kind of golf he plays. He plays pretty much all guns blazing, and when it comes off, it's really good."

And when it doesn't? He beat Koepka in the Match Play last year and reached the round of 16. But that was his last top 10 in America. And then there was the Presidents Cup.

Li brought his trainer to be his caddie, and the caddie got lost on the course during a practice round, gave up and headed for the clubhouse. Instead of finding him, Li played the rest of the round out of another player's bag. International captain Ernie Els wound up benching him for two days, playing Li only when he had to. Li lost both matches he played.

"It's been very tough on me, the Presidents Cup, because I didn't play until Saturday," Li said. "So not quite in the Presidents that way, actually. But anyways, good experience."

Fleetwood had one of those final-round 63s in the majors two years ago at Shinnecock Hills in the U.S. Open. He had a 64 on Friday and was two shots behind at 134.

Much like Li – maybe the only thing they have in common – it's been a slow start back. Fleetwood stayed in England during the pandemic, not returning to competition until Minnesota two weeks ago (he missed the cut). He also played a World Golf Championship last week with middling results, but he found his form in San Francisco.

"It's funny really, like when you've played poorly, you feel a long way off, and then you have a day like today and you obviously feel a lot better about it," Fleetwood said. "I feel like I've prepared well last week and this week and felt way more in the groove of tournament golf."

Cameron Champ, who grew up in Sacramento, had a 64. He was three shots behind Li, along with Paul Casey (67). Brendon Todd, who shared the 18-hole lead with Day, settled for a 70 and joined them at 135.

Li, who primarily plays the European Tour, went back to China in March when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down golf. He returned at the Memorial and missed the cut, and then tied for 75th in a 78-man field last week in Tennessee.

"I didn't even (think) I could play like this ... got no confidence," Li said. "Probably it helped me clear my mind a little bit."

He's wise enough to realize the tournament is not even at the halfway point. If the lead holds, Li would be the first player from China to hold the lead after any round of a major.

NBA playoff contenders starting to stand out

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — The NBA playoff picture is getting a little clearer.

Brooklyn secured one of the last two playoff spots in the Eastern Conference on Friday, defeating Sacramento 119-106. That leaves Orlando and Washington as the last two teams contending for one spot in the East, with the Magic needing only one more win or one Wizards loss to clinch.

Orlando lost to Philadelphia on Friday 108-101. Washington was playing New Orleans in a late game.

For the Nets, the clinching comes as something to savor in a topsy-turvy season.

Kevin Durant couldn't play at all because of his recovery from Achilles surgery – yet still got a $1 million contract bonus because Brooklyn made the postseason. Kyrie Irving missed much of the year because of injury, the Nets had several regulars opt out of participating in the restart, changed coaches in March and have used 24 players so far this season.

"It's great to punch our own ticket into the playoffs," Nets coach Jacque Vaughn said. "I joked with the guys: I like my laundry being done, but nothing like doing your own laundry."

Philadelphia's win tightened the race for No. 4 in the East. The 76ers (42-27) are tied with Indiana for the fifth-best record in that conference, one game behind fourth-place Miami (43-26).

The race for the last unclaimed playoff spot in the Western Conference remains close, with teams vying to grab the No. 8 spot and play the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round. If the eighth- and ninth-place teams are within four games of one another when the seeding game schedule ends next week, there will be a two-game series to determine who gets the last playoff spot.

Should that series take place, the ninth-place team would have to go 2-0 in a best-of-two series to advance.

Memphis remained alone in eighth, after the Grizzlies snapped a four-game bubble losing streak by beating Oklahoma City on Friday 121-92. The Grizzlies are one game ahead of Portland in the West standings.

"We channeled what we've done all season long," Grizzlies coach Taylor Jenkins said. "We played Grizzlies basketball. Grizzlies basketball equals Grizzlies wins, more often than not. We hadn't done that in the first four games."

San Antonio leaped idle Phoenix into 10th in the West by beating Utah 119-111, with the Spurs improving to 3-2 in the bubble. The Spurs (30-38) are one game behind Portland in the standings.

"At the end of the day, we can't control what they're doing," Spurs center Jakob Poeltl said. "We can only control what we're doing. We're going to take every game as it comes. We're going to try to win every game."

Phoenix, Sacramento and New Orleans remain in the mix for a play-in series spot. The Suns, who are 4-0 at Disney, play Miami on Saturday.

Cubs-Cards series postponed after more positive tests

By PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

ST. LOUIS — The Chicago Cubs' three-game series with the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium was postponed after three more positive COVID-19 tests from the Cardinals.

MLB announced a Cardinals staff member and two players tested positive in samples collected over the last two days.

Earlier, Friday's game was postponed to "allow for additional testing and to complete the contact tracing process," the league said in a statement.

The Cubs flew home to Chicago for four off days before their next scheduled game on Tuesday in Cleveland.

There was no word on when the games would be rescheduled. The Cubs are not scheduled to return to St. Louis, while the Cardinals have two trips to Wrigley Field, on Aug. 17-19 and Sept. 4-7.

"Based on the information MLB has shared with us, postponing this series is a necessary step to protect the health and safety of the Cardinals and the Cubs," Cubs President Theo Epstein said in a statement. "Therefore, it is absolutely the right thing to do. While it's obviously less than ideal, this is 2020 and we will embrace whatever steps are necessary to promote player and staff well being and increase our chances of completing this season in safe fashion.

"We will be ready to go on Tuesday in Cleveland. In the meantime, we wish the Cardinals personnel involved a quick and complete recovery."

The Cardinals are next scheduled to play Monday-Wednesday against the Pittsburgh Pirates, before a rescheduled doubleheader against the Tigers in Detroit. Then they have a three-game series in Chicago against the White Sox on Aug. 14-16, including the "Field of Dreams" game in Iowa that was postponed.

Could the Cardinals play against the Cubs at Wrigley in the daytime on Aug. 15 and at Sox Park at night, with the Cubs playing the Brewers that night? Two doubleheaders with four teams?

Doubtful, but who knows what can happen in the daily drama that is 2020 season.

Cubs players and staff would have been put in a difficult position had the series not been postponed, trying to be empathetic with the Cardinals while at the same time being concerned for their own health and safety.

The Cardinals have now lost 10 games from their schedule. Initially, seven games were postponed after 13 members tested positive last week in Milwaukee, including seven players. Players who were quarantined in a Milwaukee hotel flew back Wednesday and the team had workouts Wednesday and Thursday.

Because of all the postponements, the Cardinals will have to play 55 games in 49 days if they play a complete 60-game season.

The postponements were no surprise. Cubs starter Jon Lester said last week he believed the series in St. Louis would be postponed, but MLB decided to return play this weekend.

The Cubs-Cardinals rivalry is one of the best in sports, and the series finale was scheduled for ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball. The rivals have met 2,420 times since their first game in 1892, and have packed ballparks in both Chicago and St. Louis for several years.

Friday would have been the first ever meeting without any fans inside the park, and many fans flocked to the restaurants at Ballpark Village outside Busch Stadium just to soak in the atmosphere.

The Cardinals' COVID-19 outbreak has been tough for some fans, who like everyone else in baseball were anxious for the restart.

"I'm sure a lot of us are devastated," said Michelle Remspecher of Ballwin, Mo., as she and her husband, Mike, had lunch in the Cardinals Nation restaurant. "We are a baseball town."

Zane Smith scores first NASCAR win in overtime at Michigan

BROOKLYN (AP) — Zane Smith scored the first Truck Series win of his career Friday night with a last-lap pass in double overtime at Michigan International Speedway.

Grant Enfinger tried to win the race as the leader on four previous restarts but a slew of cautions spoiled his race. Enfinger was the leader on the restart in a second two-lap overtime shootout when he surged to the front with a push from Austin Hill.

But he then attempted to block Hill and contact between the two trucks caused Enfinger to spin. Christian Eckes moved into the lead with a lap to go and tried to win his first career race when Smith passed him for the win.

The victory for Smith, a 20-year-old in his first season at NASCAR's national level, locked the California native into the Truck Series playoffs. Five spots remain up for grabs, with former series champion Johnny Sauter below the cutline following a crash with teammate Enfinger with 16 laps remaining.

"I don't even know where to start," said Smith, who choked back tears after taking the checkered flag. "A lot of people don't understand my situation with racing ... a lot of this sport, as we all know, is money and I don't come from that. To make it to this point and win and be with such an awesome team is something special."

Eckes finished second, followed by Tanner Gray, Tyler Ankrum and Todd Gilliland.

Enfinger dropped to 33rd after trying to win despite four cautions over the final 16 laps.

The race was stopped by 11 cautions, including a red flag of nearly 10 minutes to clean oil off the track for a crash in the first overtime attempt.

One of the cautions was when Sauter and Enfinger were racing for the lead, with Sauter sliding to the front at the start/finish line. But as the two trucks raced side-by-side, the teammates touched and Sauter spun.

Sauter hit the wall and heavily damaged his Ford, ruining his shot at a victory that would have locked him into the playoffs. Sauter, the 2016 Truck Series champion, is winless through 11 races this season.

"I thought I was doing it right. I guess not. I just lost it," Sauter said over his radio.

Paul Sancya / AP

Zane Smith celebrates his victory after a NASCAR Truck Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Friday.

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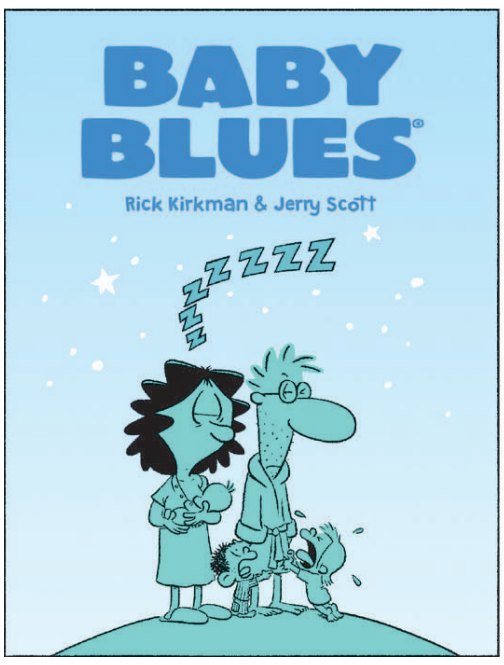

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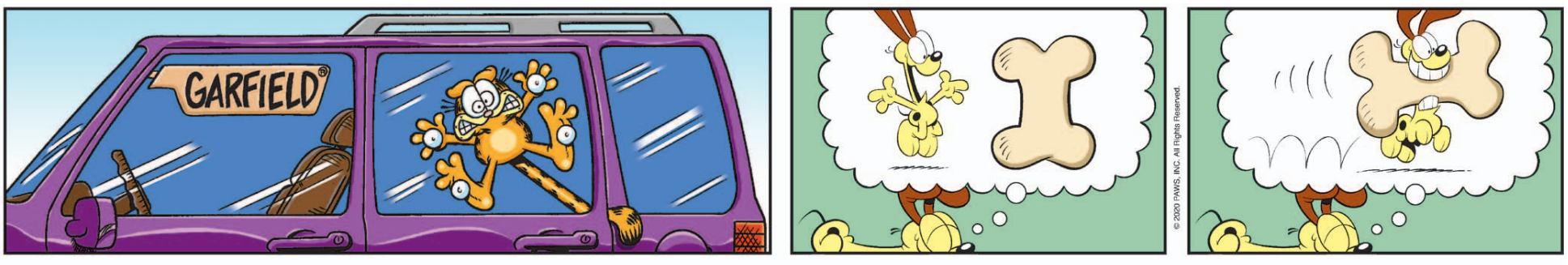

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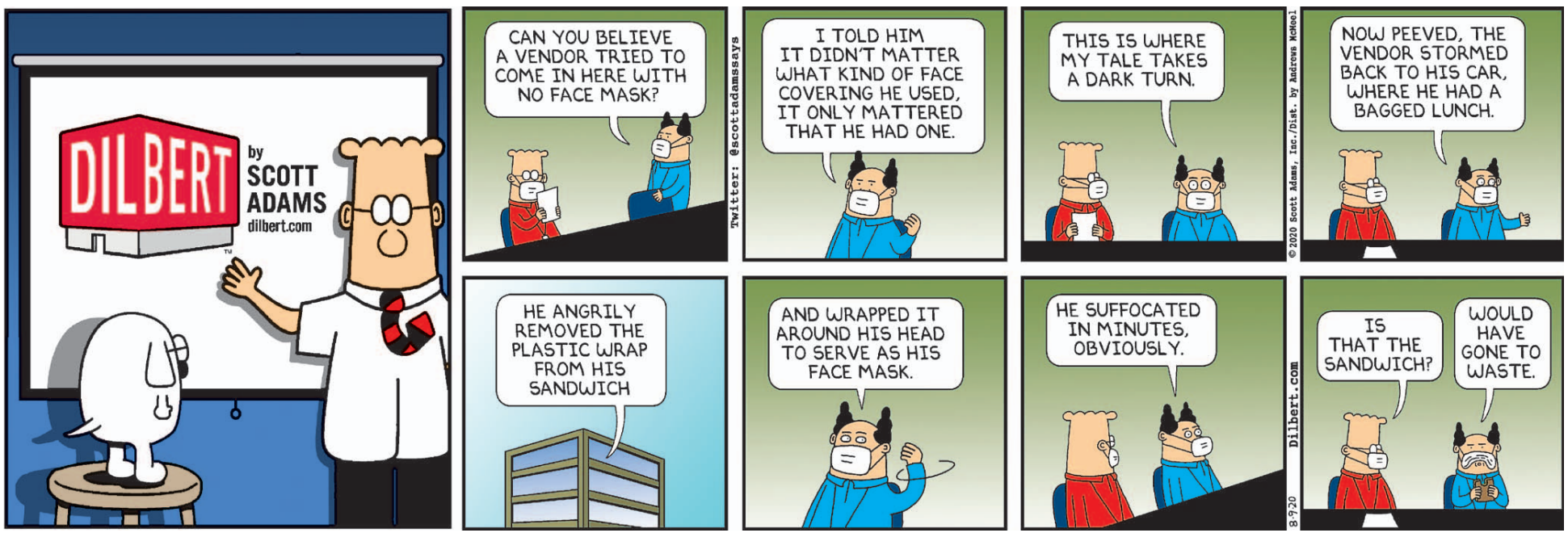
CAN YOU BELIEVE A VENDOR TRIED TO COME IN HERE WITH NO FACE MASK?
I TOLD HIM IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF FACE COVERING HE USED, IT ONLY MATTERED THAT HE HAD ONE.
THIS IS WHERE MY TALE TAKES A DARK TURN.
NOW PEEVED, THE VENDOR STORMED BACK TO HIS CAR, WHERE HE HAD A BAGGED LUNCH.
HE ANGRILY REMOVED THE PLASTIC WRAP FROM HIS SANDWICH
AND WRAPPED IT AROUND HIS HEAD TO SERVE AS HIS FACE MASK.
HE SUFFOCATED IN MINUTES, OBVIOUSLY.
IS THAT THE SANDWICH?
WOULD HAVE GONE TO WASTE.
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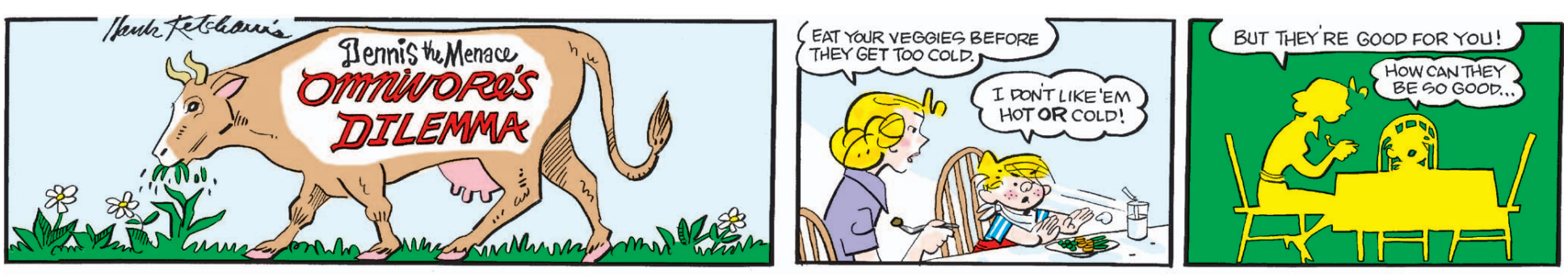
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OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA
EAT YOUR VEGGIES BEFORE THEY GET TOO COLD.
I DON'T LIKE 'EM HOT OR COLD!
BUT THEY'RE GOOD FOR YOU!
HOW CAN THEY BE SO GOOD...
...WHEN THEY SMELL SO BAD?
UNTIL YOU TRY YOUR VEGETABLES, YOU CAN JUST SIT THERE UNTIL THE COWS COME HOME.
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THEN THEY CAN EAT THEM!
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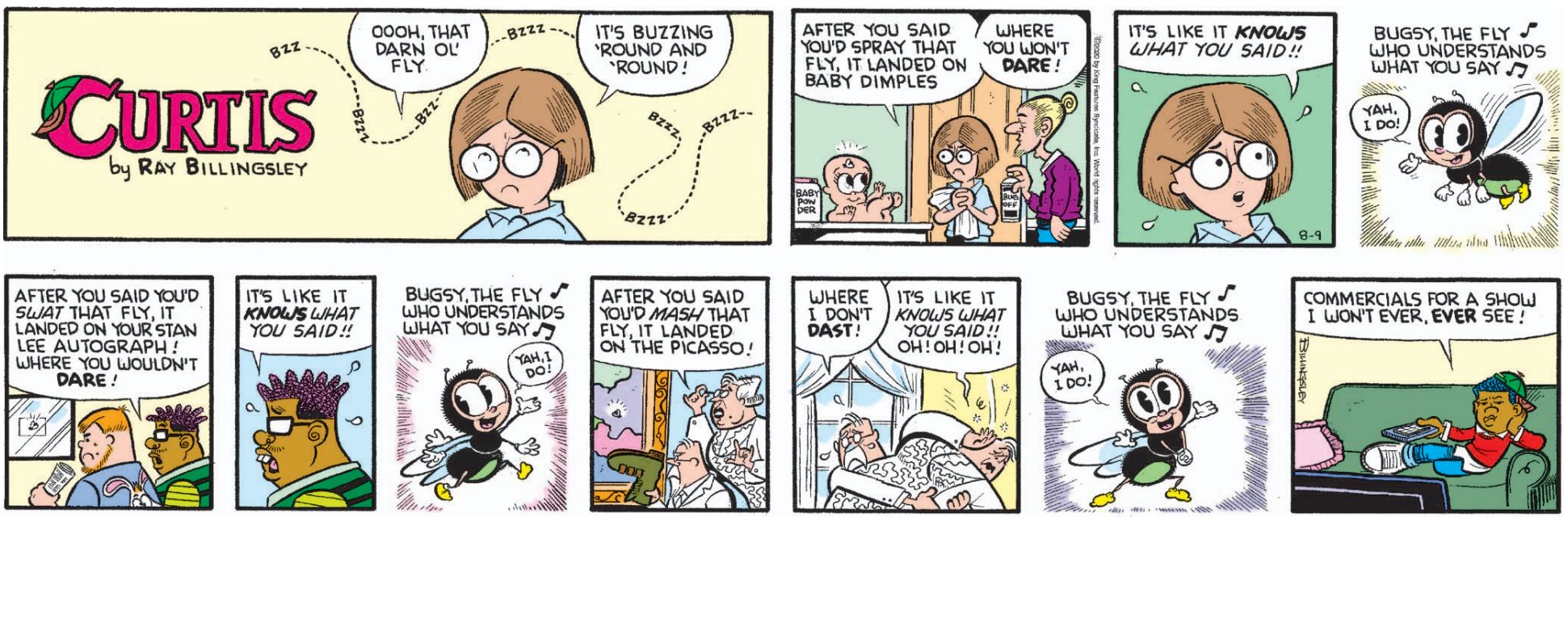
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OOOH, THAT DARN OL' FLY
IT'S BUZZING 'ROUND AND 'ROUND!
AFTER YOU SAID YOU'D SPRAY THAT FLY, IT LANDED ON BABY DIMPLES
WHERE YOU WON'T DARE!
BABY POWDER
RAID KILLS OFF
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IT'S LIKE IT KNOWS WHAT YOU SAID!!
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BUGSY, THE FLY ♪ WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT YOU SAY ♫
YAH, I DO!
AFTER YOU SAID YOU'D SWAT THAT FLY, IT LANDED ON YOUR STAN LEE AUTOGRAPH! WHERE YOU WOULDN'T DARE!
IT'S LIKE IT KNOWS WHAT YOU SAID!!
BUGSY, THE FLY ♪ WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT YOU SAY ♫
YAH, I DO!
AFTER YOU SAID YOU'D MASH THAT FLY, IT LANDED ON THE PICASSO!
WHERE I DON'T DAST!
IT'S LIKE IT KNOWS WHAT YOU SAID!! OH! OH! OH!
BUGSY, THE FLY ♪ WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT YOU SAY ♫
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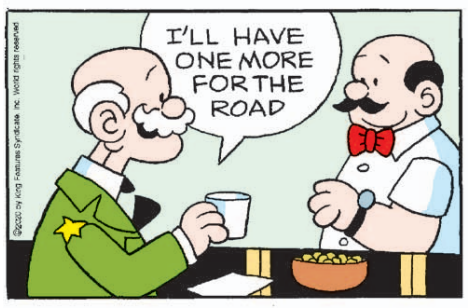

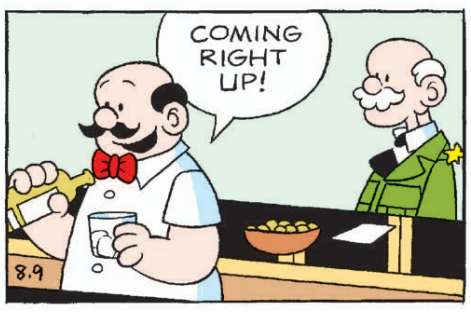

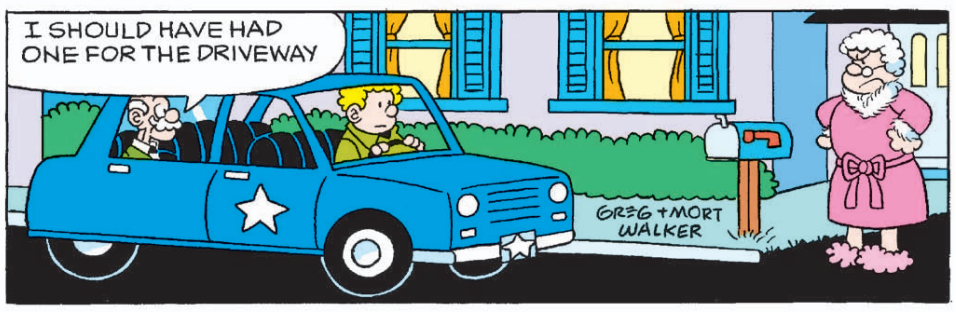

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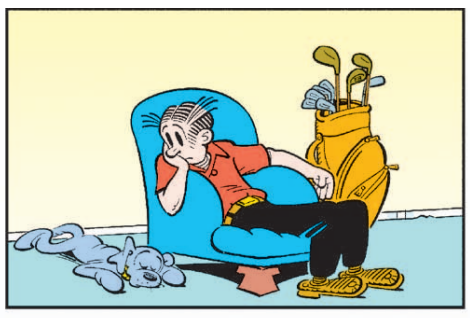

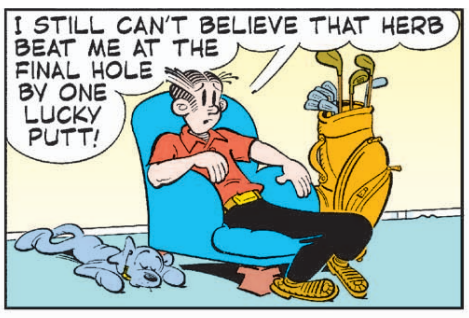

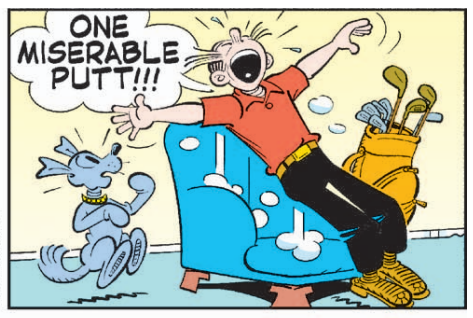

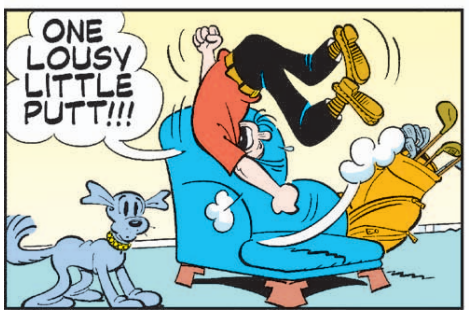

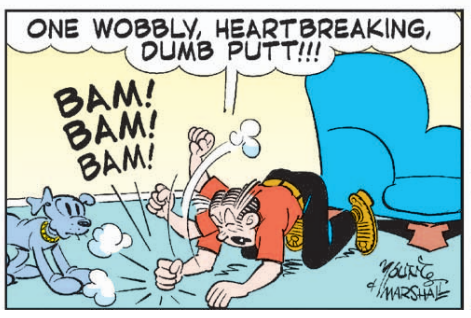

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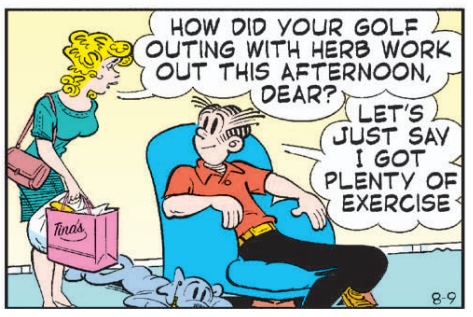

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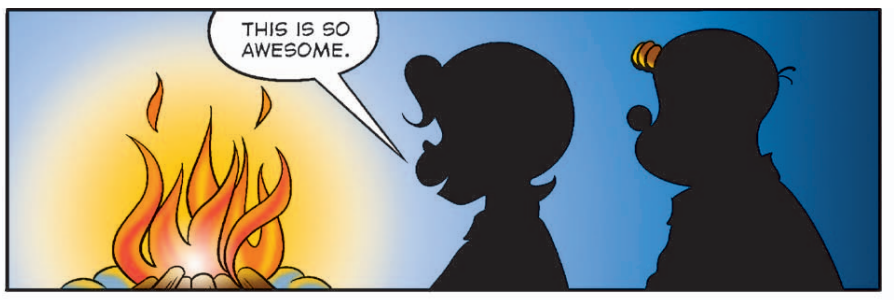

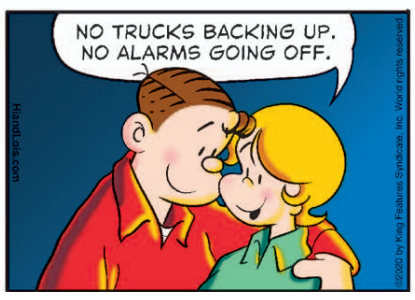

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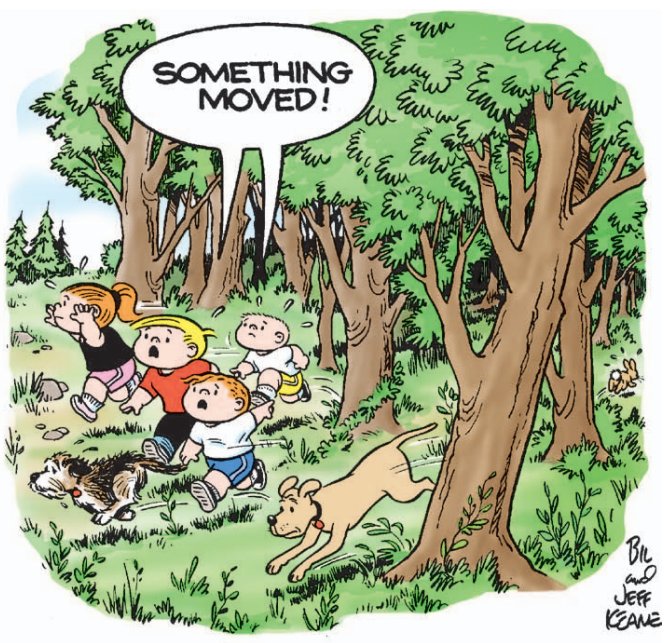

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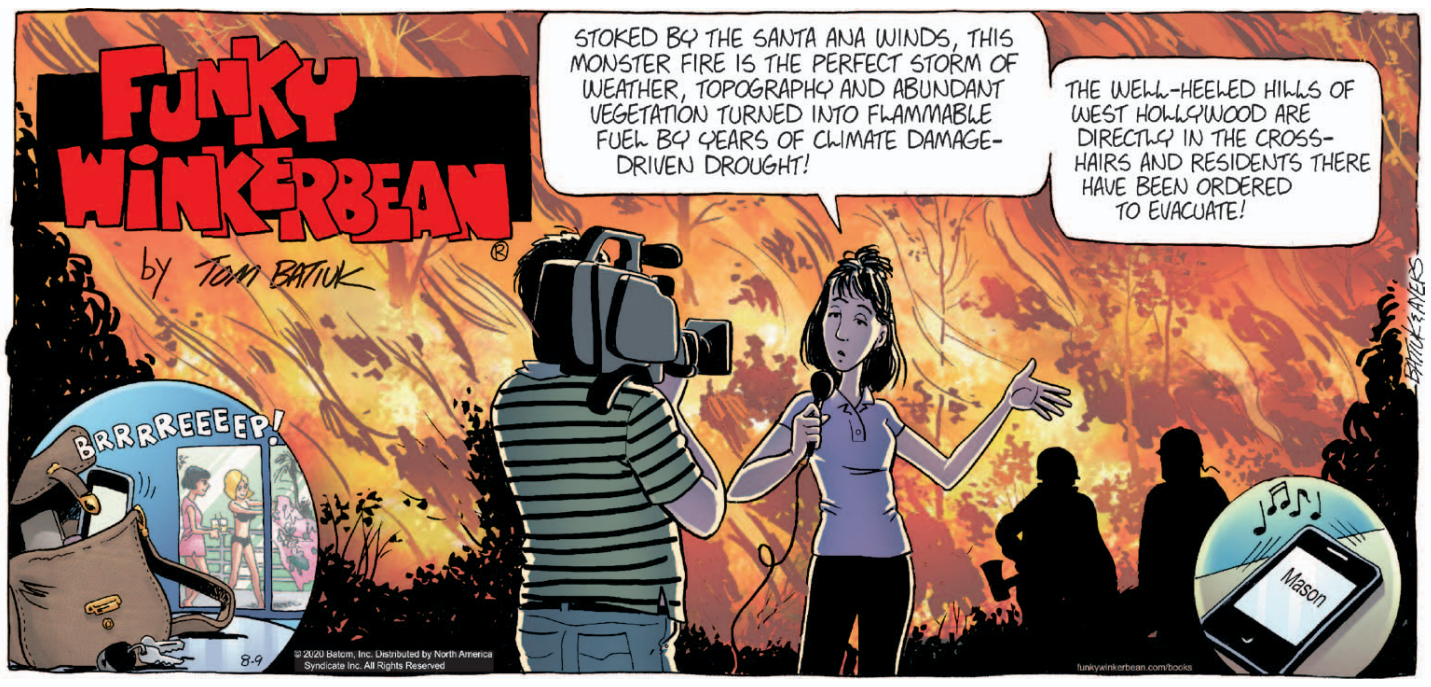
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THE WELL-HEELED HILLS OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ARE DIRECTLY IN THE CROSS-HAIRS AND RESIDENTS THERE HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO EVACUATE!
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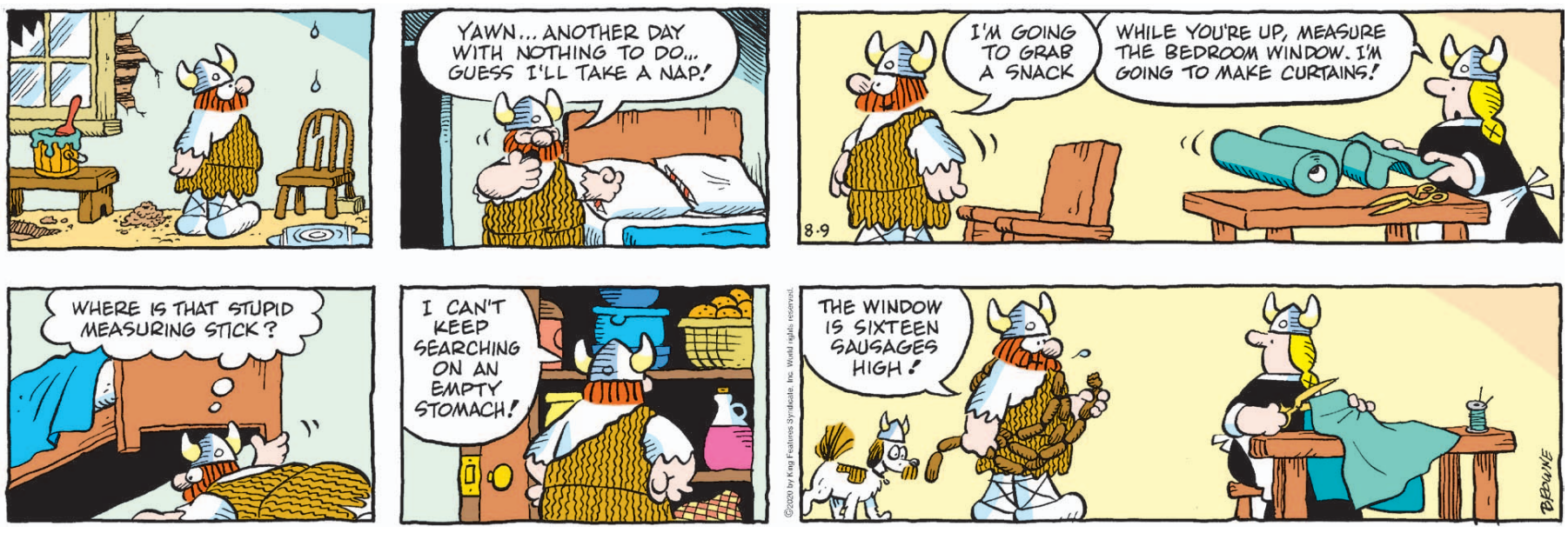
YAWN... ANOTHER DAY WITH NOTHING TO DO... GUESS I'LL TAKE A NAP!
I'M GOING TO GRAB A SNACK
WHILE YOU'RE UP, MEASURE THE BEDROOM WINDOW. I'M GOING TO MAKE CURTAINS!
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WHERE IS THAT STUPID MEASURING STICK?
I CAN'T KEEP SEARCHING ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!
THE WINDOW IS SIXTEEN SAUSAGES HIGH!
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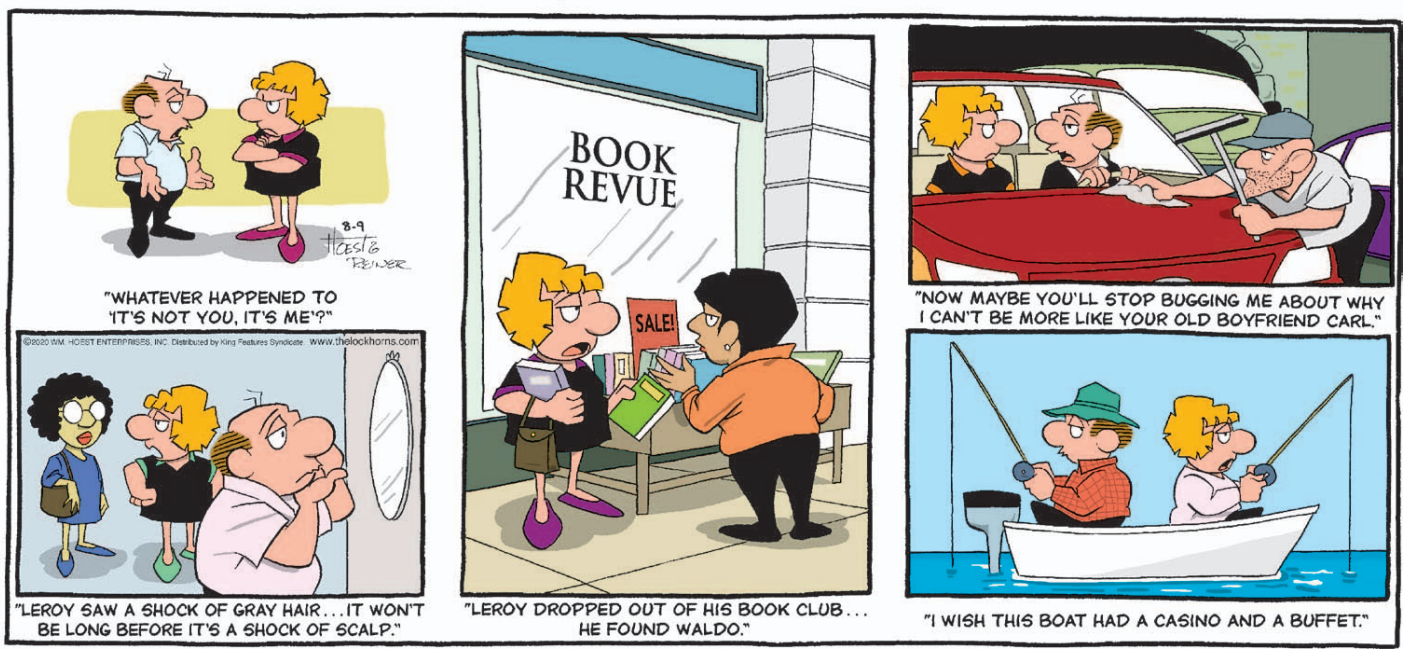
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"LEROY SAW A SHOCK OF GRAY HAIR... IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT'S A SHOCK OF SCALP."
BOOK REVUE
SALE!
"LEROY DROPPED OUT OF HIS BOOK CLUB... HE FOUND WALDO."
"NOW MAYBE YOU'LL STOP BUGGING ME ABOUT WHY I CAN'T BE MORE LIKE YOUR OLD BOYFRIEND CARL."
"I WISH THIS BOAT HAD A CASINO AND A BUFFET."

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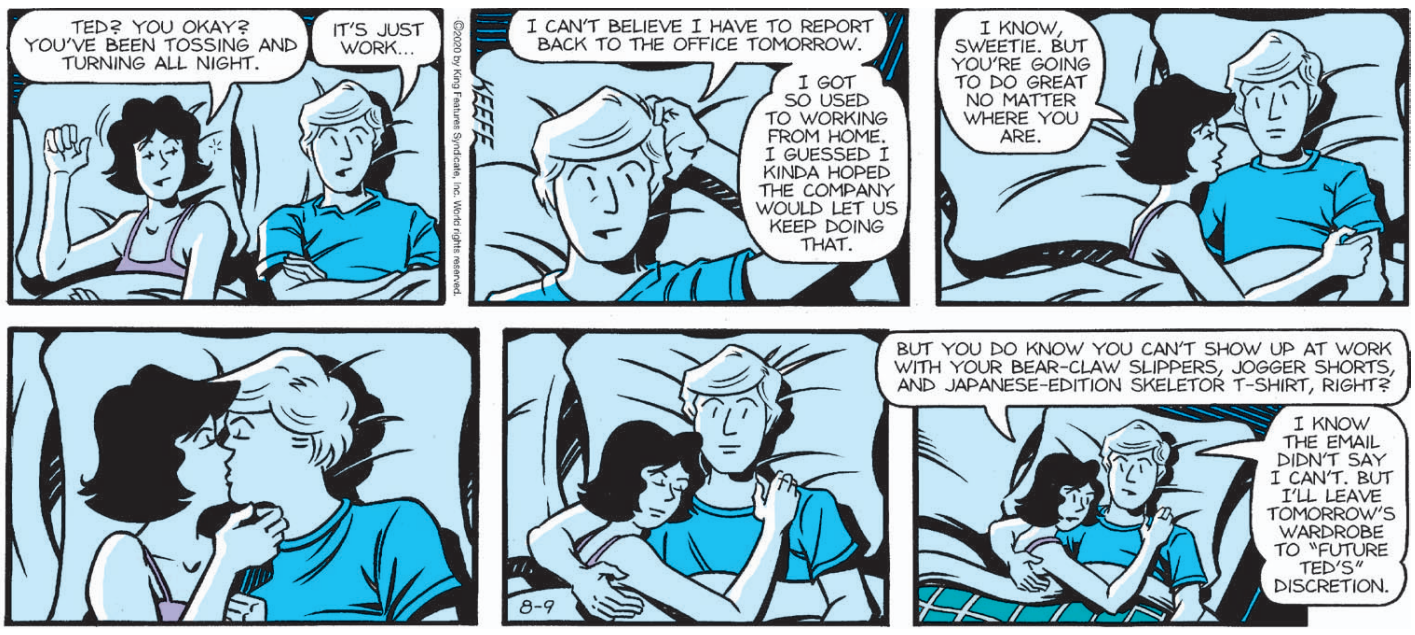
by Francesco Marciuliano


TED? YOU OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN TOSSING AND TURNING ALL NIGHT.
IT'S JUST WORK...
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I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO REPORT BACK TO THE OFFICE TOMORROW.
I GOT SO USED TO WORKING FROM HOME. I GUESSED I KINDA HOPED THE COMPANY WOULD LET US KEEP DOING THAT.
KEEFE
I KNOW, SWEETIE. BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DO GREAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.
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BUT YOU DO KNOW YOU CAN'T SHOW UP AT WORK WITH YOUR BEAR-CLAW SLIPPERS, JOGGER SHORTS, AND JAPANESE-EDITION SKELETOR T-SHIRT, RIGHT?
I KNOW THE EMAIL DIDN'T SAY I CAN'T. BUT I'LL LEAVE TOMORROW'S WARDROBE TO "FUTURE TED'S" DISCRETION.

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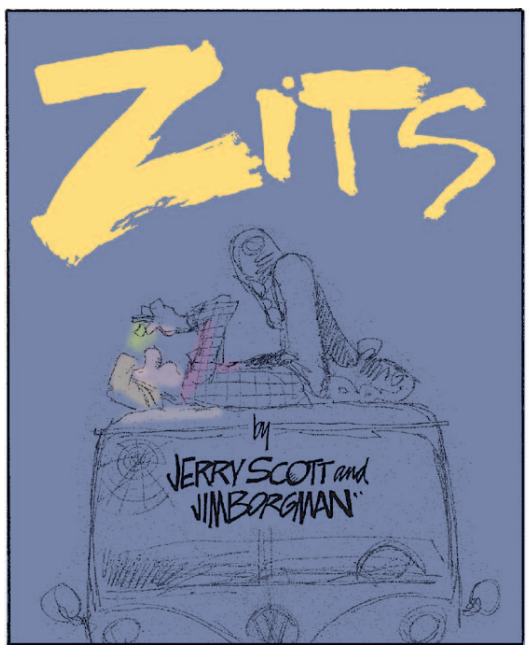
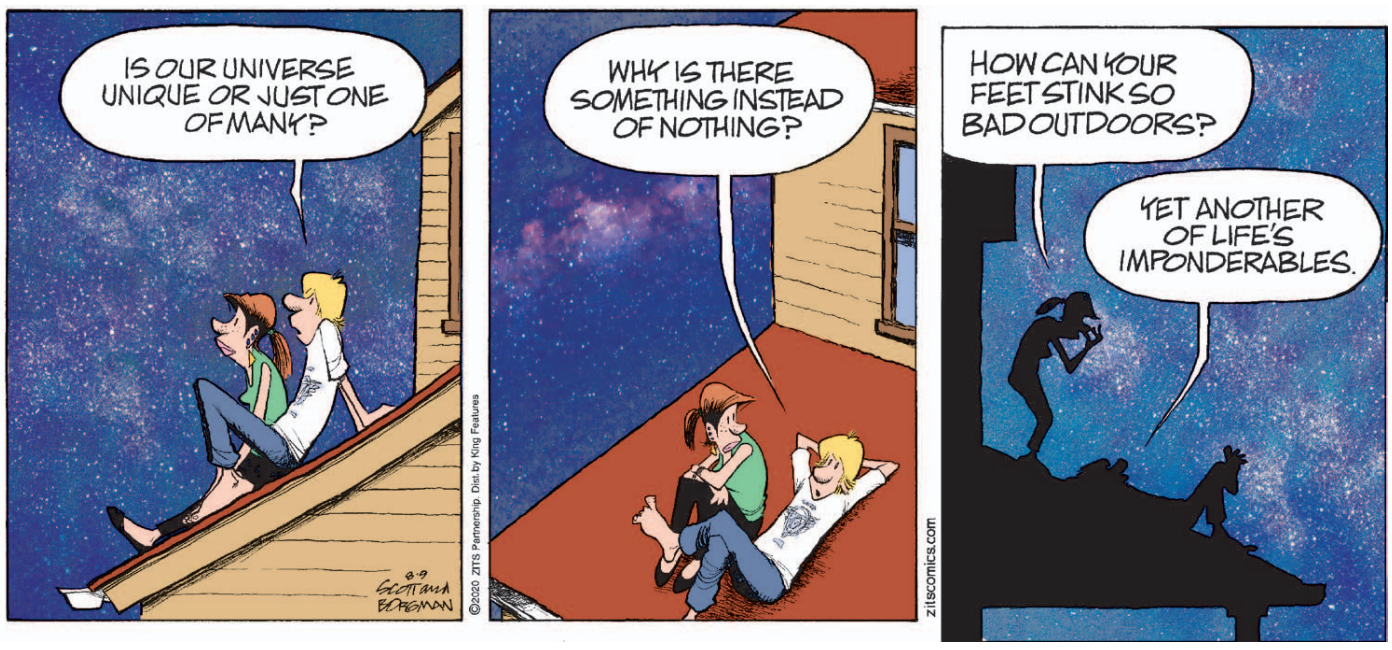
by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN

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YET ANOTHER OF LIFE'S IMPONDERABLES.

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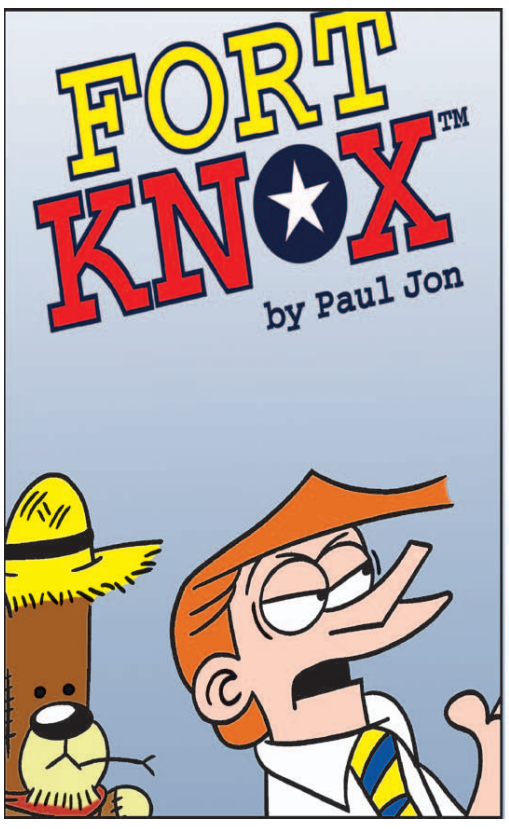

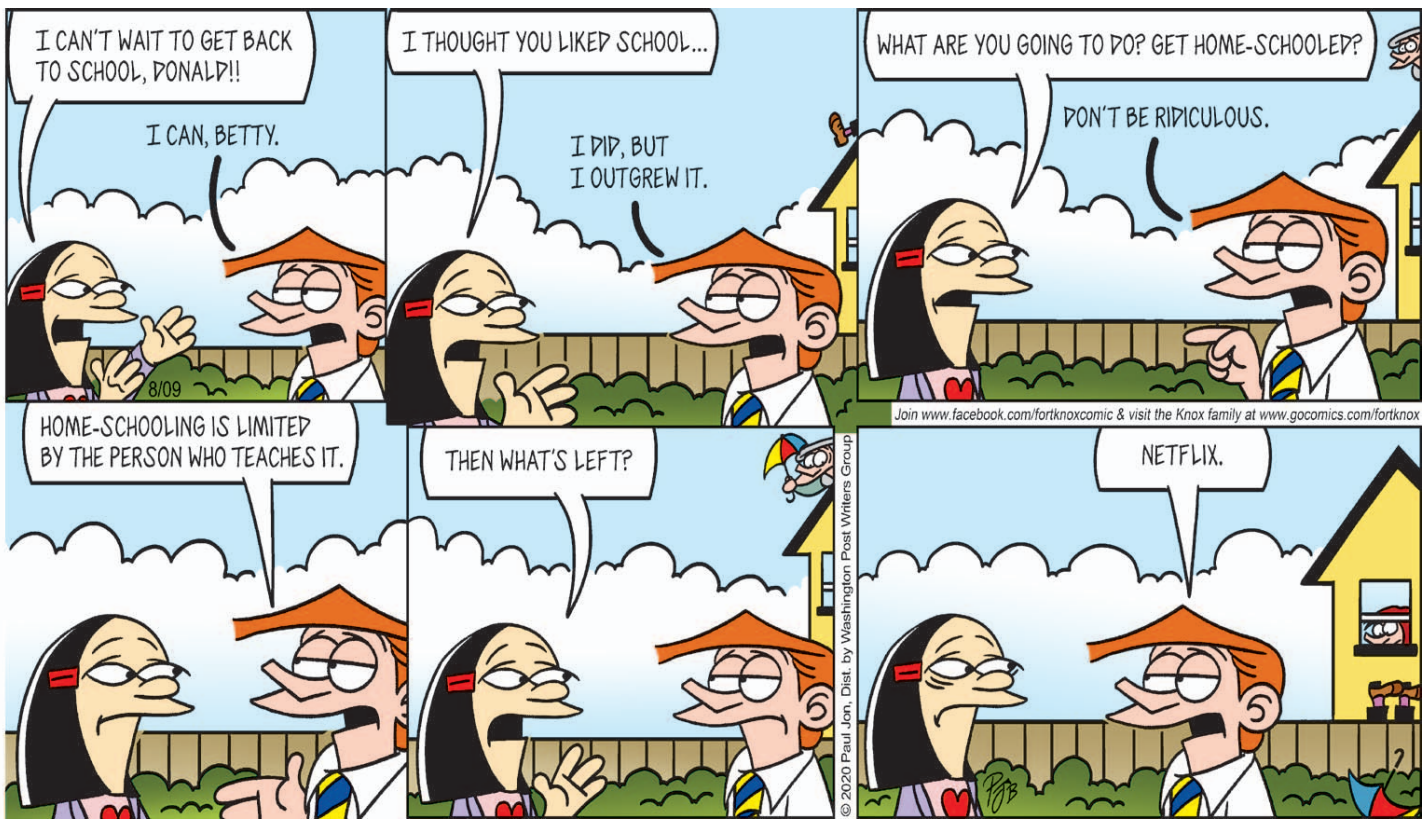
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL, DONALD!!
I CAN, BETTY.
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I THOUGHT YOU LIKED SCHOOL...
I DID, BUT I OUTGREW IT.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? GET HOME-SCHOOLED?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
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HOME-SCHOOLING IS LIMITED BY THE PERSON WHO TEACHES IT.
THEN WHAT'S LEFT?
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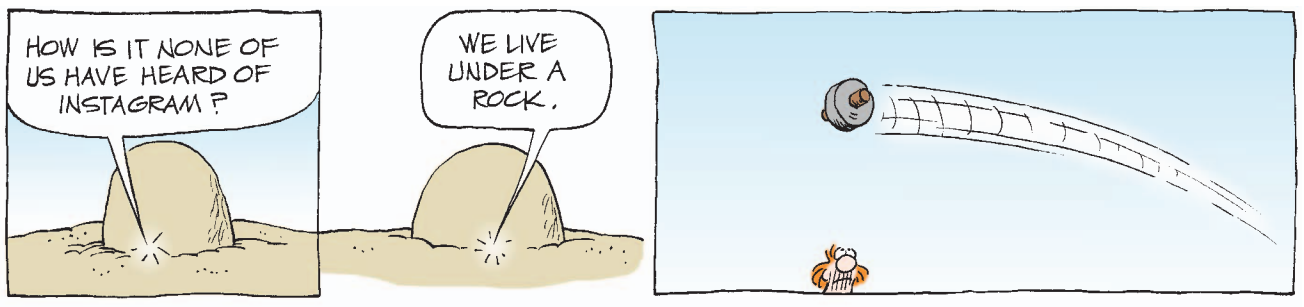
HOW IS IT NONE OF US HAVE HEARD OF INSTAGRAM ?
WE LIVE UNDER A ROCK.
SPLASH
WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT ?
I FEEL LIKE I PEAKED WITH THAT THING.
INVENTIONS
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Well, if we paid attention to those, almost no one would be getting on any flight.
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YOUR CARRY-ON MUST FIT INTO THIS SPACE
YOUR BUTT MUST FIT INTO THIS SPACE
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DUSTIN

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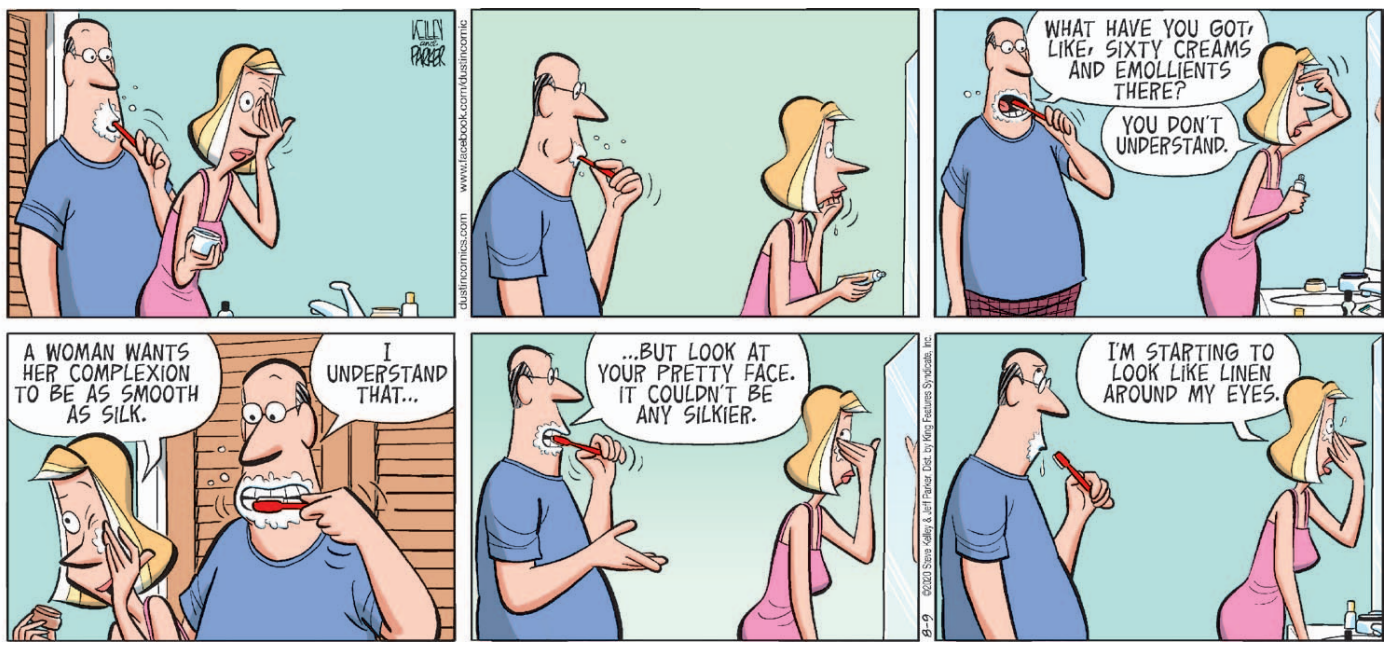
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WHAT HAVE YOU GOT, LIKE, SIXTY CREAMS AND EMOLLIENTS THERE?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
A WOMAN WANTS HER COMPLEXION TO BE AS SMOOTH AS SILK.
I UNDERSTAND THAT...
...BUT LOOK AT YOUR PRETTY FACE. IT COULDN'T BE ANY SILKIER.
I'M STARTING TO LOOK LIKE LINEN AROUND MY EYES.
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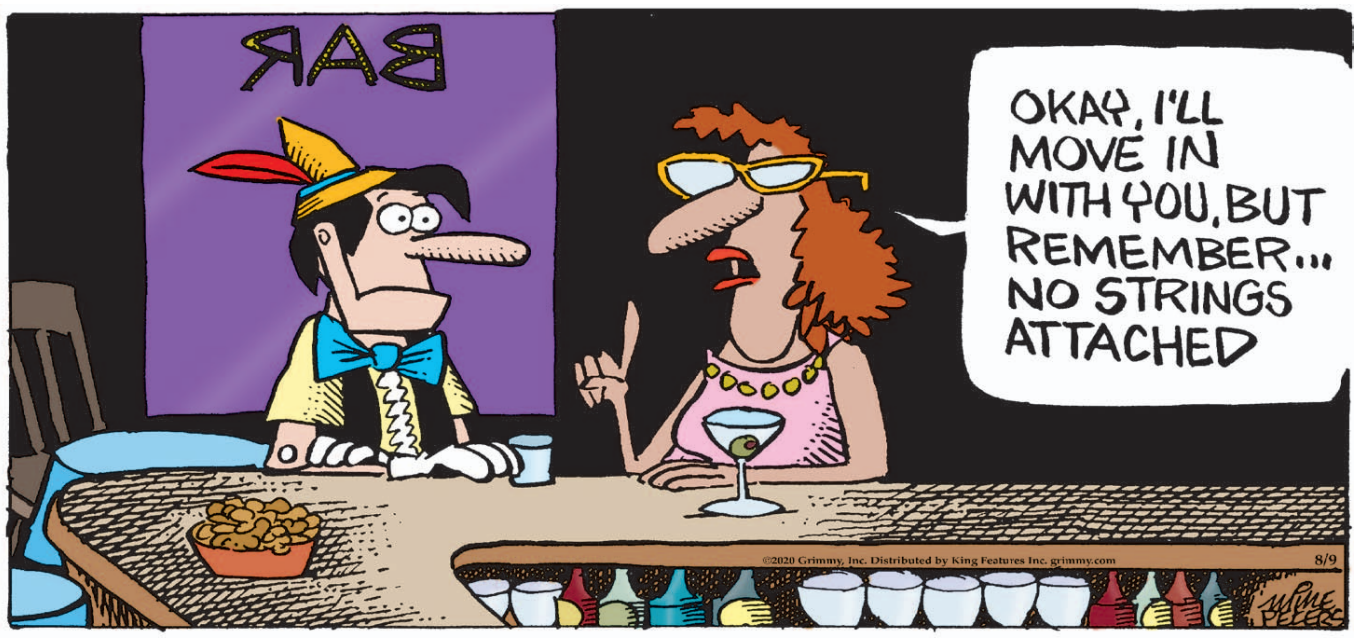
BAR
OKAY, I'LL MOVE IN WITH YOU, BUT REMEMBER... NO STRINGS ATTACHED
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PICKLES

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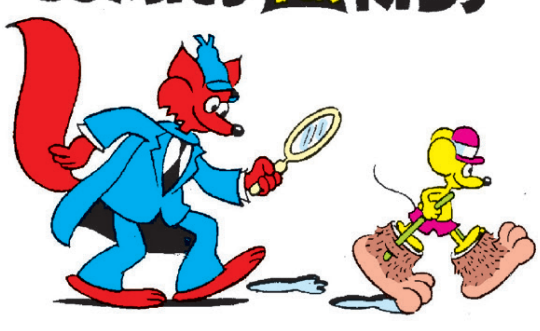
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS



After Karla Kangaroo's physical examination, the doctor left the room for an emergency phone call. When she returned she noticed that a silver bookend was missing. Karla insisted she didn't steal it. How was Slylock Fox able to gather evidence, without a search, that suggested the kangaroo was hiding the bookend in her pouch.

Solution -- Patients are weighed during physical exams. Slylock weighed the kangaroo again and discovered she had succeeded gained 5 pounds.

True or False

1) Octopuses can change color to hide and match their surroundings.
2) Stingrays eat seaweed.
3) Sharks can have up to 3,000 teeth at one time.
4) Dolphins often sleep with one eye open.

Answer -- 1) True. 2) False. Stingrays eat clams, shrimp and mussels. 3) True. 4) True.

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Caroline, age 10

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Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Bird in sky, fang, duck, leash, shadow and branch.

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